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To practice brotherhood, honor rural
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all, honest and fair in the game of
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Rick Mair
President

Rick Mair, 21, of Wilson, Kansas, is the National FFA President for 1985-86. His local FFA advisor is James Parry. He is the son of Eugene and Frances Mair.

Before being elected state president, he was chapter and federation president and a member of the National FFA Band. Rick's Supervised Occupational Experience program includes beef cattle, milking and wheat enterprises.

In high school, Rick was student council president and president of both his junior and senior classes.

Rick supported the implementation of the Kansas FFA Foundation during his year of office as state president. He also served as a U.S. Senate Legislative Intern for Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole.

Rick is an agricultural economics major at Kansas State University. Rick Mair: Route 1, Box 109; Wilson, KS 76490



Kevin Coffman
Central Region
Vice President

Kevin Coffman, 20, of Holliday, Missouri, is the new Central Region Vice President of the FFA. He is the son of Ray and Rebecca Coffman. His FFA advisors were Mickey Briscoe and Robert Winkler.

Kevin served as first vice president and president of the Paris FFA chapter, president of the Area IV Association and just completed his term as Missouri State FFA president. He received the Star Chapter Farmer award, Outstanding Leadership award and the Santa Fe University scholarship.

Kevin's Supervised Occupational Experience program involves a commercial farrow to finish hog operation and a registered cattle herd. He was the state winner in swine proficiency and district winner in farm business management contest. Kevin also served on the Missouri Governor's Advisory Council on Agriculture.

He is in his second year at the University of Missouri-Columbia where he is majoring in agriculture, economics and agricultural education.

Kevin Coffman: Route 1; Holliday, MD 25258



Robert W. Weaver
Southern Region
Vice President

Robert W. Weaver, 20, of Hartselle, Alabama, is the 1985-86 National FFA Southern Region Vice President. Robert is the son of Eddie and Linda Weaver. He is a local club member of the FFA. Bryan Roberts' Supervised Occupational Experience program while enrolled in vocational agriculture at Falkville High School consisted of dairy production management at a neighboring dairy.

He served as chapter treasurer, vice president, and president. He was also involved in many judging contests, quartet contests and public speaking contests. Robert served as president of the Alabama FFA Association.

Robert is currently attending Auburn University and is majoring in agricultural engineering with intentions of doing research in artificial intelligence use in agricultural production and mechanization. Robert is an active member of Auburn University's Collegiate FFA chapter. Robert W. Weaver: Route 1, Box 221A; Hartselle, AL 35640



Coby Shorter
Secretary

Coby Shorter, III, 19, of Eagle Lake, Texas, is the 1985-86 National FFA Secretary. He is the son of Reverend and Mrs. Coby Shorter, Jr. His local FFA advisors are Ronel Roberts, Finest Axell, and Mike McMahon.

Coby's Supervised Occupational Experience program includes raising and exhibiting swine. He has also developed an outstanding small trout farm.

Coby was president of the Texas FFA Association and served as chapter, district, and area president. He has participated on the district, area and state levels in the prepared and extemporaneous public speaking contests. His musical talents have enabled him to serve as organist at the 1983 and 1984 national conventions.

He attended college at Texas A & M University and majored in agricultural education.

Coby Shorter, III: 1204 Seaham Street; Eagle Lake, TX 77434



Kip Godwin
Eastern Region
Vice President

Kip Godwin of Whiteville, North Carolina is the new Eastern Region Vice President of the FFA. He is the 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Eliza Godwin. His local FFA advisors are John R. Faulk and Joseph P. Gore.

Godwin's Supervised Occupational Experience program includes a variety of crops and livestock production. He worked on the family farm raising cattle, sheep, poultry, pork and swine, and earned two statewide agricultural proficiency certificates.

Kip was state president of the North Carolina FFA Association and was a chapter, federation and district officer. He received the Star Grandstand and Star Chapter Farmer awards and was involved in public speaking, parliamentary procedure, and livestock judging contests.

Godwin is a student at North Carolina State University in Raleigh where he is majoring in agricultural education.

Kip Godwin: Route 3, Box 298-A; Whiteville, NC 28472



Cindy Blair
Western Region
Vice President

Cindy Blair, 20, of Noble, Oklahoma, is the newly-elected National FFA Vice President of the Western Region. She is the daughter of Jack and Linda Blair. Her local FFA advisors are Dale Horton and Brady McCullough.

Blair's Supervised Occupational Experience program includes Hammon's sheep, Durkee swine and a commercial cattle operation. Cindy was a state sheep proficiency award winner and the western region diversified livestock production winner.

Cindy served as state FFA president and secretary of the Oklahoma FFA Association. She also won state championships in two public speaking divisions and placed second nationwide in entrepreneurial public speaking.

Blair is an Oklahoma State University student where she majors in agricultural economics and accounting.

Cindy Blair: Route 1, Box 306; Noble, OK 73068



National Officer Candidates

Selected by their state associations these FFA members ran for the six national offices of the FFA. Each has earned the American Farmer Degree and went through a week of intense screening by their peers on the Convention Nominating Committee.



100% Plus States Awards

This year nine states were recognized at the national convention for having 100% or more of their vocational agriculture students in FFA. The states honored were: Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma and Wyoming.

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Once again the FFA Times was read each day by those in attendance at the 58th National FFA Convention. University journalism students from around the country, under the direction of FFA Information Interiors, Andy Markham, supplied themselves to the task of "getting the news out" from their headquarters in the FFA Convention Newsroom.

Volunteers Saluted

The National FFA Organization would like to salute the hundreds of volunteers who are the mainstay of the national convention. Without their hard work and long hours it would not come together. Thank You Stage Crew, Courtesy Corps, News Crew, News Corps, contest helpers, K.C. Advisory Board and all the others to mention but definitely and wholeheartedly appreciated.

VIP Citations

The following individuals were honored with the VIP Citation for their continual support of and service to the FFA:



Dr. Virgil Martinson, former Wisconsin FFA Executive Secretary and Supervisor of Agricultural Education.

As a member of the agricultural education faculty at the University of Wisconsin, he was instrumental in bringing about complete support of the city for the National FFA Contest.

After retirement from the university, he became supervisor of agricultural education in the state FFA Alumni Association during that time devoting an American Royal scholarship for the winner of each contest. He then served as Executive Secretary for two years before retiring this past August. He currently resides in Stoughton, Wisconsin.

Laurence Presly, former Executive Vice President of the American Royal Association.

Presly began his association with the FFA while working with the Extension Service. After becoming agricultural specialist with the City of Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce, he was instrumental in bringing about complete support of the city for the National FFA Contest.

For six years he served as head of the American Royal Association, during which time he was instrumental in developing the American Royal Scholarship for the winner of each contest. He is also a ten year member of the Kansas City Advisory Council to FFA and a resident of Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Dr. Francis J. Tuttle, State Director of the Department of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education.

After serving as state director of vocational agriculture in 1937, Dr. Tuttle went on to teach vocational agriculture for six years, was Superintendent of Schools for 13 years and State Vo-Tech staff member since 1964.

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Distinguished Service Citations

This year three organizations were recognized with the Distinguished Service Citation for their exceptional service to the FFA by contributing time, money and personnel. They were:



The Meredith Company/SUCCESSFUL FARMING, of Des Moines, Iowa. The company has received the Distinguished Achievement Award, provided National FFA Foundation Chairman, developed and headed a national publicity campaign honoring FFA's 50th Anniversary and in the early years of the FFA, provided many members to help them start farming.

Pfizer Incorporated/Agricultural Division, of New York, New York. Pfizer has supported the FFA for 32 years by providing National FFA Foundation Chairman,

sponsoring National Proficiency Awards and the National Year of Achievement, and assisting FFA leadership through a Strategic Planning Process.

R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc., of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. R.J. Reynolds has been a long-time supporter of the FFA, developing 13 state FFA proficiency contests and establishing a new Specialty Crop Proficiency Award. They also sponsor the Building Our Agricultural Communities program with funding and staff. They are the organization's largest annual sponsor.

New "Brand 'Em To Save A Life" Safety Campaign

Sponsored by International Harvester Company and J.I. Case

During the convention, a new safety campaign entitled "Brand 'Em To Save A Life" was introduced. The educational effort is a special emphasis campaign of the National FFA Safety Awards program.

Launched at the convention, the campaign's emphasis months will be during the spring of 1986. FFA chapters and members nationwide will join the campaign to educate American farmers of the three leading causes of farm tractor fatalities—runovers, rollovers and unguarded power take-offs.

FFA members will pass out safety literature and place safety reminder decals on older model tractors.

FFA chapters will be recognized for their efforts with a special campaign certificate saluting their efforts. In addition, chapters may include this activity in their National FFA Safety Award application.

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Computers in Agriculture Award

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State Finalists

Alabama: Pat Pace, Scottsboro; Alaska: Cary Taylor, Delta Junction; Arkansas: Kevin Martin, Valley Springs; California: Larry Anderson, Modesto; Colorado: Michael Vincent, Las Animas; Florida: Keith McCord, Sarasota Vo-Ag; Illinois: Connie J. Loomis, Salem; Indiana: Jeff Allen Need, Rossview; Iowa: Wade E. Nofield, Ackley; Kansas: Jim Hagan, Marion Rural; Kentucky: Mike Jernigan, Franklin Simpson; Louisiana: Rachelle Rae McDaniels, Iota; Maine: Aaron Craig Cote, Caribou; Massachusetts: Jud Lightfoot, Essex; Michigan: Lynn Johnson, Lakewood; Minnesota: Angie Nolling, Ortonville; Missouri: Larry Jennings, Stanley; Montana: Jim Avent, Red Lodge; Nebraska: Dan Charron, Ravenna; Nevada: Paul Gardiner, Fallon; New Hampshire: Jerry and Yuricikov, Warren Hill; New Mexico: Jared Burnett, Estancia; New York: Paul D. Colgan, Northern Adirondack; North Dakota: Todd C. Mayer, Regent; Ohio: Steven M. Cameron, Timor; Oklahoma: John W. and John Jr. Medford; Oregon: Tracy Pispmann, Albany; Pennsylvania: Jon Merkle, Little City School; South Carolina: Rodney Weaver, Spartanburg; South Dakota: Tom Christopher, Clark; Texas: Tim Peeler, Cisco; Utah: Erik Merkley, Roosevelt; Virginia: Randolph Ted Hall, Fort Defiance; Washington: Stacy Koscher, Snohomish; Wisconsin: John Sorg, Delavan; Wyoming: Andrew Morehead, Bagg's



The National FFA Computers in Agriculture Seminar was held August 13-17, 1985 in Washington, DC, to recognize the top FFA members for their achievements and progress in utilizing computers. All of the state Computers in Agriculture winners received an expense paid trip to the National FFA Computers in Agriculture Award Seminar.

The award program recognizes FFA members who have achieved and made great progress in utilizing computers in agriculture and agribusiness. Students are judged on their ability to adapt computer technology to benefit their Supervised Occupational Experience enterprise and/or local FFA chapter.

National Winner—Stephen M. Cameron, Lyons, Ohio

First Runner-Up—Larry Sanders, Santa Maria, California

Second Runner-Up—Michael Vincent, Las Animas, Colorado

Third Runner-Up—Randolph Ted Hall, Staunton, Virginia

Fourth Runner-Up—Jeff Allen Need, Frankfort, Kentucky

Special Meal Functions

Meal functions are an additional means of providing motivation, education and further leadership training to FFA members and guests in attendance. This year there was a National FFA Prayer Breakfast with guest speaker Dr. Blackledge, a National FFA Leadership Breakfast dressed by former National FFA Secretary, Scott McKean; an American Farmer luncheon for recipients of the American Farmer Degree and special Wednesday night Alumni Dinner.

"Secure A Place In History"

The National FFA Organization and 1984-85 National FFA Foundation Team kicked off a nationwide campaign to raise money toward the restoration of the Statue of Liberty on the recommendation of the delegates of the 57th National FFA Convention. The officers gave a progress report to the convention and stressed a project completion date of December 31, 1985 and urged members to follow the ideas and guidelines in the brochure, "Secure A Place In History."

ACCESS

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National Officer Retiring Addresses



... TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER*

Steve Meredith
1984-85 National FFA President

Going, Going, Gone.
The Auctioneer did say
As we sat inside that auction barn
On a cold, cold winter day
How much that crat came forth
From him
As they walked through in parade,
A nod of the head, a bat of the eye.

And another deal was made.
I stood silent, eyes intent, as he
closed the sale that day.
I asked, "How? How can you
make magic, by asking folks to
pay?"

With a hand on my shoulder and
tears in his eyes,

He said, "Son, let this be a lesson
in life."

For the man who desires most to
be #1,

Is the one who takes home the
prize.

It's more than just dollars, far
more than scholars.

More than some King's Empire.
Life is loving, caring, and giving.

Succes is created by desire
These men bid with money in
hand.

They'll buy to their hearts content,

Others must bid by giving of self,
Seeing others prosper through
their time well spent.

Remember, good friend," he said
to me,

"These values I've left to
preach.

All things are sold on the old
auction block,

And all things are within your
reach.

To bid, to buy, you'll wonder why
I've shared these thoughts with

you.

It hardly seems that it was 371 days ago that I received the call as president of the national FFA convention this afternoon. I'm offering my final remarks as an FFA officer. As I open my heart and mind to you I overflow with pride in recalling my associations with some of the greatest people I have ever had the privilege of meeting on the face of the earth. In this society of idols, role models, characters, and images my real heroes live in every corner of this great nation. They are God fearing, hardworking individuals who live on fresh air, drink rain water, and eat the best food through a grim determination to succeed. Most I have never met, but I feel a bond among people in agriculture that goes far beyond the description of mere words.

So many times this year people have asked me "What makes the farm so appealing?" As I look for words to the unanswerable question I think of the newborn calf standing on wobbly legs, the smell of freshly turned soil, a rainbow, looking up at a blue sky with white clouds, first dousing of snow, the signals the arrival of winter. So deeply rooted in our heritage, so much a part of American history, the tradition of the family farm will continue as long as we value and respect our land as part of our heritage. Having been raised so many times I remember a mid-September visit to the USDA when I picked up a magazine whose front cover carried this message: "The man who conquers the plow and the man who accomplishes his existence by a six-inch layer of top soil and the fact that it rains." As progressive agriculturists we must never lose sight of our responsibilities, to care for the land, to care for the earth and its resources.

As we come to the close of this national convention world leaders are gathering to discuss controls of powerful nuclear weapons, weapons that individually could destroy millions of lives if used. A plow could save lives if human existence from the face of this earth. Seemingly we waver each day between destruction and continued existence in a divided world of temperate, inflation, fear, and anguish. Yet our leaders with our leaders to keep our defenses strong... to guarantee the defense of this nation and the protection of all free people of every race, religion and creed

In this pivotal world of critical decisions, decisions that will affect our peace, our wars are our leaders must remember the words of Andrew Jackson... "One man who courage makes a majority."

My strong beliefs in the importance of democracy contrast sharply with saying the last or ignoring the last to keep them. Those feelings come after having experienced the deep relief of shooting off a jet aircraft on U.S. soil. That strong inclination that you're right at home even though you're in an island state thousands of miles away... but the stars and stripes fly proudly overhead.

Having been granted the privilege of seeing much of this great nation and her people I marvel at our blessings of land and people. We are the envy of the world with a credibility of over 238 million individuals creating a prosperous lifestyle from the riches of this great land. Americans represent a special coalition of innovators and inventors. A Texas rooster, Nebraska cornmeal, California citrus, New York cornmeal and Kentucky thoroughbred are all monuments of this nation dedicated to the people who form our rich heritage. As members of the Future Farmers of America we should tremble at the thought of the challenges and responsibilities facing our generation. Just as our predecessors have risen to the occasion so many times in the past, each of us must feel a special responsibility to the future.

Agriculture has never been a more challenging industry and America has never held more opportunity than that which exists today. Our blessings are here today because of the efforts of individuals who weren't afraid to stand forward and lend a hand, who were willing to risk, to take risks, to fight for justice and truth. Many stories have been told of visitors of this nation who marveled at the willingness of our people to stand up and be counted and come to the aid of their fellow Americans.

Society is built up as we from different backgrounds. Communities plan with our minds, politicians ask for our votes, and everyone seems to be supporting a special interest. As bright the internal war was of today's society, the external world is moving into better prepared means that we're armed with a positive attitude, a courageous heart and clear vision. Success in life will ultimately come to those who prepared for its challenges.

Leadership is a special opportunity to serve others by giving of oneself. It has been said that if you help enough people get what they want you will fulfill your own desires. Everyone gains when you share your time and talents with others, and success and prosperity ultimately go hand in hand.

There are two seas in Palestine. One supports every kind of life with fish in its water, trees along its banks, and people in homes along its shores. The Jordan River flows from the north mountain yet under sea. Here there are no fish in the water, birds in the air or foliage along the shore. Now what creates the difference in these two seas? Not the river, nor the soil, or surrounding land. The Jordan River is a dead stream. Its success in their success was not their hard work, but rather their dreams. They turned dreams into ideas, ideas into plans, and plans into action. They first had to find the right resource, the right goal and the best worth taking a chance on. The early Americans took the philosophy that before any carpenter can build a house an architect must design it. Before they fought for America, they had to have a vision of what it would be.

God made us both architects and carpenters, both designers and builders. Before you can build, or rather, before you can set a goal and follow after it, you must first dream.

Leadership is capable of many tasks. With it we construct vehicles capable of taking men to the moon, bridges which transport passengers over deep waters, medicines which heal the sick and afflicted and convention halls which hold thousands of people. However, these were constructed with a person's hands, they had to be created in a person's mind.

We all had the desire to attend this national convention. Because we did, we found a way to get here. It does not matter where you come from, or with whom you local chapter or in a plane with your state association. What matters is that you are here.

Dreams and desires run much deeper than just attending a national meeting. They run deep into the depths of ones who would not only affect their lives, but those hundreds of millions. Can you imagine what life would be like today if those travelers had not pursued their vision of change? Can you envision what we would be like today if those people had given up on their dream and accepted defeat?

We, too, often, find ourselves with a dream—a thought that seems to work its way into our minds. We see ourselves as following after it, but suddenly we find ourselves lost. Perhaps it is because of fear; fear of failure, fear of being laughed at, or fear of not having what it takes. It seems what it takes the mind hours to develop the heart can develop in minutes.

Our minds are what develop the ideas that take men to the moon, build bridges which span the depths, and create countries like the United States. God gave us the ability to dream and think and the ability to do something with what our mind has created.

that old auction block you truly do make a difference. Future Farmers I simply ask you what price are you willing to pay to enjoy success?

(Auction Chant)

For me, I am grateful to you at the 58th National Convention as the highest bidders. All in... All done... SOLD!

Steve Meredith, Route 1, Glendale, Kentucky 47240, (502) 862-4768.



Passing Thoughts*

Michael J. Capaldi
National FFA Secretary

Over 200 years ago the men and women of our country had a dream. The dream was of a country of freedom and prosperity. They worked hard, they planned, and they followed them. They took their dream for a new country, added hard work and a commitment to improvement and formed the United States of America.

We often look at the hard work demonstrated by these individuals and realize why they were successful. The first step in their success was not their hard work, but rather their dreams. They turned dreams into ideas, ideas into plans, and plans into action. They first had to find the right resource, the right goal and the best worth taking a chance on. The early Americans took the philosophy that before any carpenter can build a house an architect must design it. Before they fought for America, they had to have a vision of what it would be.

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Remember, when fears come into the picture our dreams have a tendency of losing their lustre. We must learn to turn to ways. Plans never materialize and our ideas become passing thoughts. There is a very obvious importance in not giving up on our dreams before they have a chance to succeed. Success begins with our thoughts. If you never give yourself a chance, you never give yourself the opportunity to grow as a person and a chance to develop your potential.

The easiest time to quit is before we begin. That is when the least is at stake and there is seemingly nothing to lose. But if you anything you have much to lose—a chance to grow and develop, challenges to overcome, success stories yet unwritten. One thing I know is that you are capable of doing anything you want to do if you have the right attitude. There is great importance in putting talents and skills to positive use. Remember that our thoughts rest among the most valuable of the resources we must use.

For many years I have enjoyed sitting beside a stream near my home. The water seems to move gently through the hills until it finds its way to a lake. This stream does not run year-round, however, each May or June it dries up leaving behind only a small indentation in the ground.

There are other bodies of water, my favorite of which is the Colorado River. When I was a small child my family travelled to Colorado to view the splendor of this river. I was in awe as I looked across the valley and the river cascaded down into the terrain.

Even today, when I have the opportunity to fly over the Colorado River, I am amazed at what Mother Nature has done. She has created a wonder of nature that will exist forever.

Nature had a resource to work with. The resource was water. Along with water Mother Nature had time—tens of years—and made a difference. Within the topography of the United States she made a difference by creating an awesome wonder called the Colorado River.

Just like us, Mother Nature makes choices. Her choice many years ago was to invest her resources—water—into this river. On the other hand, she chose not to invest much resource in the creek near my home.

Like us, we have resources to invest and time to spend. Our resources are the thoughts we develop with our minds. We can take our dreams and make a difference in ourselves, and in doing so make a difference in the world around us. The more we can contribute to the development of our self-confidence, the ability to work with other people and skill development such as effective communication.

You have a choice to make. Just as God gave you water, He gave us water. Like our parents before us, we must work hard, take time, and persevere. Will we be a stream or a river? To make the difference of a river you must take your thoughts and do something with them.

Make your choices and use your resources so that your highest ideals do not become passing thoughts.

Gold is the most precious of all mineral resources found in the earth and you are the most precious of human resources found on the Earth. Just as gold shines with a luster matched no other metal, so do we as human beings for tomorrow like no other people I have contacted in my travels.

But remember, gold, in its pure form, is not simply and easily brought to the Earth's surface for our use. It must be mined and refined before this golden object can become a marketable object. And so it is with each of you. Through the power of choice and through hard work you determine the degree of purity to which you will return the gold that is inside of you.

After a while we understand success is not magical. It comes from dreaming, refining our dreams into ideas and our ideas into action. The first step will always be pursuing your dreams with enthusiasm.

We begin to understand that the greatest inventors, the best scientists and the most successful leaders started with ideas. They never listened to fears which told them their ideas would not work. They never gave up on a chance. They took a chance on themselves.

Take a chance on yourself! Is there a dream you have never pursued? Do you have a desire that has never been fulfilled? What are you waiting for? What holds you back?

If there is a desire in your heart which you have locked in some closet at the back of your mind, open the door. The key to unlocking that door is your own understanding—understanding you have a choice to do anything you wish to do

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and understanding you have the ability to do something into anything you wish to become.

Let your understanding be backed by confidence which comes from knowing you will not let your desires become passing thoughts. Let your confidence be backed by courage which comes from the faith that you will do your best.

Over 200 years ago the men and women of our country had a dream. The dream was for a country of freedom and prosperity. Their dreams were so valuable because they worked them. They took a dream for a new country, added hard work and a commitment to improvement and formed the United States of America.

God made the first settlers of the country. They started with little more than architects and carpenters, designers and builders. Those pioneers took their dreams and did something with them. Because they did they made a difference.

This convention will give you opportunity to learn to laugh and to believe in yourself but most importantly, to dream. Let the dreams your mind creates in the next three days change you. Let them make a difference. Go through this convention as an architect discovering your dreams. Then start a carpenter putting your dreams into action. (Lyrics from a Bob Seger song.)

"They call it understanding, a willingness to grow. I'm only understanding there's so much I could know."

Friends, there is so much you can do, know, and learn. There is so much you can; there is so much you can be... if you will only follow your dreams.

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As we human beings each have unique perceptions of what our heroes should be. The one thing we have in common and share with others, regarding our heroes, is the simple fact that we all want to be like them. We want to be role models to follow and create incentives: motivating personal growth.

So we seek those who possess the qualities we admire, who handle adversity, who come closest in our eyes to what we want to be. And we want heroes to do whatever it takes to help others. And, those who maintain a clean record projecting a heroic image.

Americans often admire dynamic leaders who give off a powerful, flawless presence, like those we read about concerning great presidents, heroes, even, and the unfortunate truths about today's society is the fact that these leaders are becoming increasingly harder to find.

Whether it is because we know too much about those we choose. For example, politicians who are constantly subjected to close scrutinization in the public eye and whose every step is often traced by the media. Or because there are those who still affine for all in a certain way.

Then took great interest in our conversation. Before our stay was up, he disappeared in his closet and after a few moments reappeared with several small wrapped gifts. Smiling, he handed each of us a hero gift. Some were heroes, young American heroes.

It wasn't until after we'd gone that I realized he was not just talking about those of us in the room. The gentleman spoke of heroes in general. About 430,000 of you, who's conversation was built around. Although he could not reward every member with a gift, he shared what he had with us as a gesture.

The young people who project such a positive image and whose reputation as young agricultural leaders is known worldwide.

This lack of a centralized hero in agriculture poses a problem not only in the direct result of the lack of a centralized problem. No one policy, philosophy, or action can completely dictate to the needs of the entire industry due to its diversity. Therefore, no one person can symbolize the answer to all the challenges.

Let us not, however, due to the absence of one such figure, overlook the heroes that do exist in agriculture. For there are many. They include those farmers and agriculturists people who have dedicated their lives to the welfare of man and within themselves a desire to continue and pursue their profession. They are taking a realistic approach. Learning from each day and making an effort to move forward. They are the real heroes, many possible. Men and women striving for quality over abundance, accepting adequacy over abundance, and being hard work surpasses the rewards of good luck. They believe in education, in young people, and in the future of our country.

This is what I learned as a National FFA Officer. It is what I learned as a National FFA Officer.

Many times this year I have been treated like a hero. I have stayed in homes where family members have slept on the sofa so I could have a better opportunity to attend meetings and activities around my appearance. Only lives were altered to accommodate my schedule. Even in Japan my national officers and I were greeted by clapping and cheering as we stepped out of our sleeping bus. These times will never forget and the honor of this treatment I shall cherish forever.

My role as a National FFA Officer has required me to talk a great deal about agriculture. Yet, I have met FFA members that have never heard of agriculture. They may not have been speaking specifically, but what is this organization all about? They are out there doing it. They can tell you what is going on. They can enter contests, raising risks, learning skills and they have what it takes to be successful in an ever-changing agriculture industry.

THEY ARE THE HEROES—AND THEY ARE YOU!

For young people today it is probably easiest to shy away from agriculture because of the negative perception of an older person being part of it. But you are making the effort and involving yourselves. Not because it is easy or because the present monetary reward is necessarily great. But, because you believe in the future of agriculture and the hope it holds for tomorrow. The ramifications of this industry should falter. You have the energy, the strength of pride, the integrity to be successful, and the character to share your success.

There is a misconception in my mind that our youth of the future are the great leaders of the past. The education provided through vocational agriculture and FFA is strengthening that fiber.



Accept No Limitations

Graham Boyd
1984-85 Eastern Region Vice President

**"Just a little more time is all we're asking for.
Just a little more time could open doors.
Just a little uncertainty can bring you down.
And nobody wants to know you now.
And nobody wants to show you how."**

**"So if you're lost and on your own, you can never surrender.
And if your path won't lead you home, you can never surrender.
And when the night is cold and dark—
You can see, you can see light.
Cause no one can take away your Right to light and never surrender."**

Much too often do we hear that right which is ours away from ourselves. Many of you have heard it. You have felt as though you have been knocked down, dragged out and stepped on. You have tasted defeat at the tip of your tongue, been made fun of by your peers. Perhaps you have been the target of your school's peer pressure. The way you walk, the way you talk, the way you dress.

Maybe you were made fun of because you're in the FFA and wear the blue and gold jacket. It happens to us all. It happened to me.

Last week I experienced one of those feelings. Not just in the last week but all of my life. Times when I feel like I can never win—nobody wants to know me now—nobody wants to show me how. On occasions during this year, I've been mowing lawns and the person I was working wouldn't let me home.

The easiest thing I could do was give up. Surrender my cause to obtain obstacles.

Why is it that when life is full of difficult situations do many of us give up? Why is it that when you're down in the dumps you get tough and people get going? In a sense that theory has certainly been true in my life. On occasions tough times would come around and had already taken hold of me. I ran away. I was scared. I was so scared so much by the situation, rather, I was afraid of the outcome. I guess I'm afraid that my efforts will sell me short of success.

There's nothing wrong with being afraid. There's nothing wrong with running away. Some people are afraid of the dark, others are afraid of death. Many of us are afraid of failure and defeat. And I believe that all of us are afraid of the unknown. Lurking somewhere in the shadows of our fears is the fear that mold one's life.

And because we are afraid of change in our lives, we seldom take the chance to venture in pursuit of our wildest dreams because many of us miss out on the opportunities we could have had if we had the courage to attempt them.

Several years ago I was a high school freshman in vocational agriculture. I can cite many examples of times when I fell short of achievement primarily because I was afraid of failure. I was afraid of not taking a chance. I tried out for the credit contest in my freshman year, and didn't even get to represent my chapter in the local contest. Once in a lifetime chance—gone. And I blamed my adoration for failure on the fact that instead of me I knew, I was a better speaker and maybe I was, but, the reason he went instead of me is because he tried just a little harder than I did. You've seen award winners on this stage. You've seen them receive those awards aren't just handed out. Those people earned them through dedication and hard work. Over the years, there were numerous contests I could have been a part of, second place, third place, fourth place, but I was never even chapter president. Not because I didn't want to be, but because I didn't try to be—hard enough. You've got to do more than want it! You've got to go for it!

I can remember two years ago for the very first time. It was a cold, snowy afternoon walking over to that first session. Inside, the auditorium was warm with enthusiasm generated by the many FFA members who had showed up. The chapter line-up, the game was tapped and the convention began. It was the most exciting event I have ever experienced. I'll never forget sitting here as an Official FFA Delegate in the second seat in front of the podium, along with a man, a former FFA Officer named Jerry Litten. The film spoke about the impact that year as a national officer had on Litten's life. The whole motive of Litten's success was that, "To get

going you've got to get started and to get ahead you can never quit!! You can never give up, you never need to. I want to remember I want someone remembering the most about that film, was the caption, "Happy Are Those Who Dream Dreams".

It was at that same convention, that I watched a close friend mine and my mentor, Marty Coates, deliver his retirement address. He said that his year as a national director had been a dream come true.

I would like to say, I too had that dream at commencement. A vision to someday return to Kansas City and stand on this very stage delivering my retiring address. Of course it is happening right now. This retiring address isn't the dream at all. The dream come true has been the experience of the 58th National FFA Convention. I will forever have lasting memories of the places I've gone, experiences encountered and most of all, the special people whom I have met and had the chance to work with. I thank you all for letting you witness the reason that has made it worth while. You showed me the Rocky Mountains of Colorado and Wyoming, the whale off the coast of Cape Cod, Macau, the city of the bone of Buddha in Vietnam, British Columbia and much more. I know I assume these events have molded my life in twelve short months, but the path that means the most is the lasting friendship and especially the limitations of our personal growth. Students and students down in the tip of Florida, to the State Officers and members up in Washington. You're the part I'll never forget. Mom and Dad and all the folks in the Carolinas, the Carolinas, I can't thank you enough for your part in what happened a year ago.

There is one other person I wish to share many thanks, for in just a few short moments he taught me what this year is all about. It was April of this year when Tom Engen, the 1984 Central Region Vice President, came to our convention. All of the activities were completed and people were departing for home. I was talking with State President Brad Hasenberger, when several members of the National FFA Board had gathered over and asked if I would be willing to go to the hospital across the street to visit Tom Engen, one of the chapter's members.

As we were walking over, they asked if I would present Tom with a State Prodigies Award. I said I would. Tom told me he had been up all night because of the pain he was experiencing the night before. I said yes, and asked what happened to Tom. He explained that Tom was mowing ditch banks in February and had hit a rock and the tractor he was driving hit Tom. Tom lay over 3 hours before he was found. He suffered severe nerve damage. He had been in the hospital ever since. Just three days prior to our visit, doctors told Tom he would never walk again. But you would have never known by the look on Tom's face when I handed him that proficiency award that day. He was happiest one in the room. Not necessarily because of the fact that he gave up his goal or that he gave up his dream. Tom was excited because that achievement proved he was one step closer to a dream come true. Tom told me that next year he was going to walk across that convention floor. He received the proficiency award. All I could say was, "I believe you can do it." His response was, "... I have to, (looking down at his feet) I accept no limitations."

Let me ask you, do you have ambitions? What are they? Could they be meaningful? Are you falling short of your goals simply because you are falling short of giving them a chance?

Never be afraid to dream dreams. I don't want to suggest that we live in a dream world. I want to suggest that dreams become the world a much better place to live. Whether you will admit it to yourself or not, everyone has got a dream. Something that makes your eye sparkle. A personal goal, like to become a teacher, a doctor, a writer, anything you want to do. It is evident. Because we all live in an image crisis society. I don't believe there is anyone here today playing this game called life that doesn't choose to be the best they can be. We want to be the best. Everyone wants the best things out of life and they should. You should understand that everyone at this convention can't be a national officer, a hall-of-fame member, or a person with a score high in a national contest or become a recipient of the American Farmer degree. Nor should everyone try. But you must realize that if you don't do it, someone else will. One thing that is evident is that the person who succeeds with a certain amount of God-given talent and ability. And because of that all of us what it takes to be successful in our own areas of expertise. It's called potential! Potential must first be tapped by a dream. All that holds you back are those self-imposed limitations.

Where Have All the Heroes Gone?

**Mike Barrett
1984-85 Central Region National Vice President**

When I was younger, growing up in Nebraska, I would often run into an elderly neighbor and catch up with him. He would always have a smile on his face and a hearty laugh. He would tell all sorts of odd stories and save the day by overcoming oddball villains. I used to marvel at their ability to be cool in every situation, and, regardless of the challenge, still come out on top.

These are our first heroes. Of course, as one grows older and matures it becomes more difficult to be impressed. Oh, I think all still enjoy watching our favorite animated characters on television, whether it's a cartoon, a television movie, or movie stars, or others.

Songs are composed, statues erected, books are written, buildings, bridges, and other structures are dedicated, even photographs appear on cereal boxes, all in the name of our heroes.

These heroes are very personal and no two people will name the same hero for the exact same reasons. For example, in the cartoon we just viewed, many of us admire the Roadrunner because of his speed, his cleverness, and the way he runs. We also admire Wile E. Coyote for trying to outwit the Roadrunner.

While on the other hand, some of us have an appreciation for Wile E. Coyote. No matter how many times he fails or dies, or even over by a hunk or smacked by a tailing board, he just keeps coming back and refuses to give up.

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In your quest for the top, try not to measure your success on other people's standards, but on your own standards. For you must live with the outcome of your own efforts in each and every area. Only can you realize the rewards of a life well-lived, chosen by the dreams you dream. Goals set and deeds well done. Today may be your only chance. It is true that things do come to those who wait, but not always. These things come to those who are behind by the people who hustle and get them first. I've found that nothing in life is free. Nothing worth having. You've got to work hard at it. And when you get what you deserve, it's your own to keep. To get the most out of life Dream dreams of high fashionable accomplishments. Give your own guarantee.

Regardless of how many years of life God blesses one with, life is still a term of service. To a lot of people, to better our world by bettering ourselves. On the wall of my Mom's beauty shop hangs a plaque which reads:

*"God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot
change,
courage to change the things I can
and the wisdom to know the
difference."*

*"Lord, will you give me the
comprehension
to understand the thoughts of my
own mind?"*

*"Is it love and joy which I'm
seeking to find?"*

*"Put words in my mouth to express
the feeling in my heart."*

*"Lord I don't mean to you to
live out my title
Just give me some direction to
start."*

For me it all started with a dream in the second year of the second row two years ago. I stand before you today as proof that sometimes dreams do come true. After the last twelve months I truly believe in that caption. "Heads are those who have the courage to ready to pay their price to make them come true." It is a fact—that have yet to write a novel on the best seller's list. Not have I climbed the peak of Mt. Everest and I have never orbited around the sun. But I have traveled the seas of our globe. But, I have however served a tremendous twelve month term as a National Officer in the Future Farmers of America Organization, and I truly thank you for the opportunity and what it has provided to me in my life.

Now, as my year in office quickly comes to a close, I could leave you with many challenges, of all the things I have learned this year. And if this year teaches me nothing else it has taught me that "Heads are those who dream dreams." But even that is not enough. If you truly desire to excel in life, my friends—

You can never give up, never surrender, and absolutely, accept no limitations! Graham Boyd, Route 1, Box 5, Pineywood, North Carolina 27880, (919) 927-3320.



"Let Yourself Go!"

Nanci Mason
1984-85 Southern Region Vice President

Just about eight thousand eighty hundred sixty-six hours have passed since I first ran up onto that stage to stand beside Brian and Michael. I was walking, breathing a mile-a-minute as we watched Graham, Mike, Michael and Steve dash up the stairs to join us. In a matter of minutes we were elected as the 1984-85 FFA Officers. Openly said that we were wholeheartedly for a seemingly endless series of photos and interviews. What a feeling! Can you imagine what must have been going through our minds?

In a few days it was back to ready and I'm once again walking across campus at Mississippi State to meet with Physics 1103. Everything is back to normal.

I think. Studying for the finals I would soon be taking seems to be especially difficult to do—even more so than usual! What is about to happen to my ever so predictable lifestyle? What have gotten into this time? Am I ready for this?

Letting go . . . yes, that is turning from the taken for granted familiarities and trying something new, exciting, unpredictable. No, it isn't easy to do, but we're faced with decisions to make similar to that time and time again. Do we then forsake the convenience of routine for the thrill of the unknown?

This year has been, for me, one adventure followed by yet another from Birmingham to South Weymouth, Rungold to Cascade. I almost gave up on snow skating on the bumpy hill at 49 degrees temperature. I had to leave the state at least to leave my mark, for everyday I fell, a blue (National Blue, of course) spot would remain from my new blue jeans. Five months later I'm in Aurora, Nebraska solving the problems the two Rivers FFA Chapter.

Why is it that I am reminded of these things? Simply because the main elements which have made this year so worthwhile are the characteristics that you, as FFA members, have shared with me. The way you give yourselves and deeply care for others often shines like a beacon on a moonless night.

All of the aforementioned combine with the other aspects of our lives to make America what it is today. It was just a special place to live in. I was born in a country where my parents were young, but asked over lunch one day while I was home, why we (my parents and I) think that the United States is such a great place to live in. My response was, "Because we're free."

What does it mean to be free? Just what is this attitude we call freedom? Of course most American citizens can relate parts of our constitution, with all of its conditions included whether or not they're remembered. As part of my answer, I turned to my pastor and said, "Say what we wish, but the greatest freedom of all is the ability and capability to be ourselves—individuals sharing and caring for one another. It was this that led our predecessors to form our country and to keep it strong as the American Dream. Just as we cannot regulate the dreams and fantasies of a child, neither can our dreams be controlled. Couple our desires with the knowledge that we are the ones who are U.S. citizens and the possibilities of what we can achieve and become are endless. Yes, it's almost that easy. The first step is very possibly the most difficult. We must be willing to let go and go ahead and reach for the stars that once seemed only to be insurmountable levels of achievement.

Action as a young spokesperson for the agricultural industry for the last twelve months. I have become very closely linked with the agriculture industry faced by our nation's agriculturists. In addition to these problems at home, we have witnessed several incidents caused by various terrorist groups which have hammed us even more closely. It is not easy to develop an almost totalistic attitude toward life and prosperity. We hear others and even ourselves say somewhat sarcastically, "Things could be worse." Only to count these comments as a reminder to the good and the warden. Yes, I must plead guilty as accused. Will you? Even with these difficulties that seem to surround and engulf us, we choose to live in this great country and be citizens of the United States. No other place can offer us the satisfaction we get from climbing up the steps which lead us to the experience of seeing our loudest dreams come true—perhaps not in the way we wanted, but we shouldn't act as a detriment to it. It makes the success all the more worth while in the end. What we really have here are ourselves and each other, and that, my friends, is all we really need.

"Then, as the world is ready, I am ready . . . to be able to spend your life in your own way." Where, but here, in America—from Alaska to Puerto Rico and from the state of Maine to Hawaii. In a short few days I'll walk off this stage again, but I will be back, too long and I'll be myself walking across campus at Mississippi State again, but this year with you will make even the mundane fast of going to classes and studying something that is more than just a grade. And, as an individual can make those differences in the future. You have the chance to make an impact upon the world. And, as I have said, "How long ago I sat quietly in my home pondering thoughts concerning my address; I calculated the figure that if I live to be seventy years old one-tenth of my life would have been spent in the FFA.



"If It Never Rains . . ."

Brian Bass
1984-85 Western Region Vice President

*"Little flowers never worry
when the wind begins to blow
And they never cry
when the rain begins to fall."*

*"Then they smile and o' so cold
soon the sun will shine again
Then they'll smile unto the world
for their beauty to behold
When the clouds begin to gather
and the storms begin to grow
Little flowers don't complain
they're tosing' to and fro
Or I guess they've learned the
secret
they don't fret because they know
it when never rains
they'll never grow."*

*"So let it rain, let it rain
let it pour."*

*"Let of trouble keep on knockin'
at my door."*

*"We learn the right iron wrong
it will help to make us strong
Lord please help us learn the
secret*

*even little flowers know
they'll never never rains
and we'll never never grow."*

With only a few waining moments left as an active FFA member, I find myself in a strange position for me to have to leave to complete the last seven years I have spent in an organization which I have greatly benefited. In the search for the closing thoughts, I chose words from the song which you just heard, "Worried About Rain."

Perhaps, we could dedicate a speech to the mass which falls from the heavens above. The rain, of course, is the catalyst which determines the outcome of a harvest. Travelling this year, I have seen the masses which fall in our agriculture industry for yielding barren crops or drought stricken crops. The harvest which I speak of though will not be measured in bushel or tons, but yet in the aspirations of individuals to grow to the best of their abilities.

In this society we live, often we are closed in, surrounded, and harassed by only the pessimism of situations. The agricultural industry, the nation's largest industry, obviously comes under fire from those without outside knowledge. As in most areas, the most important key is the people who manage and produce the products. Having been associated with the vocational agriculture and FFA educational system, I can appreciate the work which I have seen our nation's most important industry do.

There is no doubt that we are experiencing a storm, and though we may be tossed to and fro we can persevere and succeed. I have observed that those who face adversity are often those that are successful. Through history many things are repeated, but you as an individual can make the differences in the future. You have the chance to make an impact upon the world. And, as I have said, "How long ago I sat quietly in my home pondering thoughts concerning my address; I calculated the figure that if I live to be seventy years old one-tenth of my life would have been spent in the FFA.

however, the one-tenth spent in the FFA has prepared me for the rest of my life. To be a leader, to produce and to help in fields of agriculture.

It is not by chance or fate that I am here today. As a Greenhand like many of you, the seed was planted and nurtured by a man which I came to admire. Charles Stretcher was just as much my vocational agriculture teacher who cultivated me as an individual. I was but a little flower enduring the storms, the droughts, and the cold.

This speech has to be dedicated to many of the thousands here today. As I travelled around, I often heard people with that glimmer of nurtured seed. Seeing the chagrin and bewilderment of why circumstances prevailed upon them to let it loss, I often could see that person taking the loss and making it his own.

In anyone's life there is a time when there is the question of should I continue. Progressing through the FFA became something I began to enjoy in the early years of FFA. The offices, contests, applications all came, but at times I wondered if this was the right guidance for advancement. I sought with my goals of state president, Freshman to senior, I had grown just as little flowers eventually matured.

As easily as the maturity came into my life, it was not long before a set back. I would have to leave the FFA for a year. I learned of my dear friend's struggle to combat cancer. Mr. Stretcher had worked so hard for me as well as thousands of FFA members throughout the years. I had to idly sit by and watch the disease. It could have been easy for me to quit; however, I stood upon the stage in San Antonio to give that speech and eventually become state president in

Texas. Again, in Lubbock, where I presided, the memory of Charles Stretcher stayed with me, growing stronger by the day. Even today, I feel that presence with me, and reflect to a saying which says,

*"Success comes not by being the best,
but by being better."*

On stage at the Annual Meeting I remember saying that if I could make as much difference as Charles Stretcher had over the years, I wanted that opportunity.

Today, before thousands, I have that last opportunity to make a difference as an FFA member to you. It is here that you realize, no matter where you are in life, as an FFA member or not, that you must grow and reach the potential that exists within you. When the winds of change blow, when the sun begins to tail, and you're tossin' to and fro don't worry, the sun will shine again. There is a new day which dawns for you and the proud American heritage of agriculture. Let it rain, because without it, it will only remain the same. Those tough times and make them your victories.

*"Look to this day for it is life
the very life of life.
For today is but a memory
and tomorrow is still a vision
But a day well lived makes every
yesterday
a memory of happiness
and every tomorrow
a vision of hope."*

Live to your potential, nurture your dreams, and thank God for all your freedoms and blessings which you so freely enjoy.

Brad Bass, P.O. Box 944, Mt. Vernon, Texas 75457, (214) 860-2503.

International FFA Participants



Work Experience Abroad (WEA) participates cooperatively with over 25 countries on every continent to give FFA members an opportunity to travel and learn different agricultural practices by living with a host family. WEA also places foreign incoming students on farms across the United States.

WEA Outbound Students

Arizona: Dickey Jo Hunt, Tracey Slone, California: Kelly Cunningham, Mike Cunningham, Colorado: Rhonda Brundt, Diane Clegg, Idaho: Linda Johnson, Karen Haeger, Elizabeth Sinclair, Florida: Kathy Abbott, Clifford Alter, Syd Crosby, Gregory Watts, Michael Watts, Georgia: Kimble Illinois: Jerry Gaffner, Roger Gish, Jeff Hargan, Jim Ackerman, Jerry Jones, Gina Marima, Vicki Settles, Todd Telford, Paula Waggoner, Indiana: Joe Neher, Iowa: Rick Erickson, Gerry Gourley, Tim Hufmann, Kansas: Linda Benteman, Tim Elliott, Fred Heine, Jennifer Hennet, Tim Johnson, Paul Zedek, Kentucky: Bart Davis, Louisiana: Oscar Taylor, Massachusetts: Kevin Keby, Michigan: Cliff Barnett, Minnesota: Joe Ackerman, Kristine Koenig, Kristine Williams, Mark Buddeke, Catherine Gosselin, Jim Fenegan, Todd Lauer, David Tepler, Missouri: Chh-Chi Kleeman, Montana: Thomas Lehner, Kent Sullivan, Nebraska: Nebraska: Barb Kates, New Hampshire: Dennis J. O'Brien, Pennsylvania: Mark Shantz, New Jersey: Randy Houschmitz, Mike Novak, New York: Jennifer Brumer, Ferguson Kinnel, Betsy Peck, Ivan Skone, Marianne Vaccaro, Ten Von Seydel, Wisconsin: Calene Carter, Theron Marion, North Dakota: Lance Gartner, Raden Heipel, John Heller, Mitch Leiter, Rhonda Nova, Ohio: Julie Althouse, David Chesser, Jamie Dunn, Teresa Lynn, Mark Alford, Mike Becker, Keri Ryan, Dennis Deering, Tracy Busema, Shanna Dooley, Richard Ellers, Aita Harry, Kevin House, Eric McCary, Frank Prantl, Laune Repplinger, Eric Schoenborn, Greg Snook

Karen Wermelde, Timothy White, Oklahoma: Sheri Duncan, James Key, Glennys Mudd, Lisa Oliver, Shelly Olson, Lyle Roggow, Denise Rehl, Glen Shoultz, Mary Whiffeld, Pennsylvania: Amy Duperon, Sara Flasher, Bruce Stickney, Chris Thompson, Tammy Vining, Vicki Rich, Nancy Brown, Barbara Gonzalez, Jose Gonzalez, Jose Saz, Esteban Gutierrez, Cesar Tintor, Harwood, Stacey Difman, Sue Wika; Tennessee: Madeline Rose, Texas: Diane Parker, Pauline Parker, Troy Nelson, Randy Touchett, Utah: Mike Johnson, Vermont: Ezekiel Brown, Helena Gladke, Vicki Rose, Dean Richard Owen, Washington: Marvin Abbott, John Bonner, William Corinne Aravik, Bruce Crane, Richard Dado, John Dahl, John Dolater, Carol Doyle, Dan Fritz, Larry Frey, Heidi Goodman, Russell Goss, Pauline Hensel, Michael Hudspeth, Leeann Hudspeth, Shelly Hosack, Karen Kaczmarek, Nadine Kert, Todd Kohrt, Pamela Marks, Harvey Menn, Peter Muschinski, Jill Olson, Penny Jo Ridder, Barbara Palmer, Dorothy Scott, Scott Smith, Eric Thompson, Julie Stevenson, Mike Williams, Mike Wilson, Mike Allen, Wall, David Welsh, Margaret Zweifel; Wyoming: Vern Holland, Australia: Kathryn Hamel, David Voght, Megan Walker, Trevor Wright.

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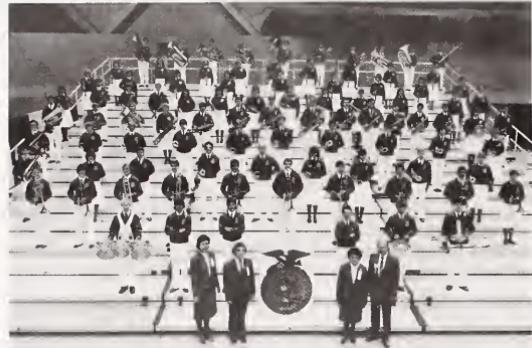
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National FFA Band

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FFA musicians directed by Roger Heath, Boulder, Colorado, presented a great variety of musical selections after having been together less than a week. Mr. Heath was aided by Assistant Director Gene Engler, Chaparones and Assistants to the Director, Mrs. Gene Engler and Mary Heath. Members were selected from audition tapes and brought together for the first time on Sunday before the convention to practice the music they would perform throughout the convention.



Alabama: Brent Bridges, Scottsboro, Bassoon; Arizona: David Keys, Mesa, Trumpet; Arkansas: Gary McWilliams, Prescott, Bassoon; Brian Johnson, Somer, Flute; Georgia: Tommy Brown, Hazlehurst, Percussion;

Idaho: Paula Bronchow, Culdesac, Trumpet; Alan Fuller, Blackfoot, Trombone; Michael Gandy, Idaho Falls, Tuba; Mae Gustafson, Byron, Trumpet; David Moelling, Fowler, Trombone; Rayning, Caledonia, Percussion; **Indiana:** Jeff Baumgard, S. Bend, Percussion; Steve Ermakoff, Angola, Baritone; Sherry Lewis, Waynesboro, Clarinet; Kevin Planer, Montpelier, Tuba; Dori Shultz, Brookston, Bassoon; Melvin Stowers, Rensselaer, Tuba; **Iowa:** Dean Bonner, Bellvue, Alto Saxophone; Jon Burdick, Eldora, Trombone; England, West Point, Bassoon; Bartonek, Carla Kehrt, Nashua, French Horn; Dean Schmitz, Harlan, Percussion; Crystal Verhout, Melvin, Baritone Sax; Tim Walsh, Postville, Clarinet; Bart Walter, Gutierrez, Carrollton, Kansas; **Kansas:** Krauss, Phillipsburg, Flute; Matt Mills, Maple Hill, Tenor Sax; Charles Shutesman, Osage City, Tuba; **Kentucky:** Bobby Phelps, Frederica, Trumpet; Jeanne Pfeifer, Louisville, Massachusetts; Jennifer Biddinger, Union Bridge, Trumpet; Sheila Leathersham, Frederick, Paul MacPherson, Bridgewater, Percussion; **Michigan:** Jones, Detroit, Bassoon; Compton, Detroit; Nancy Ensign, Coopersville, Drums; Terri Twirler, Dale Johnson, Lakeview, Trombone; Shawna Ross, Weeville, Trombone; **Minnesota:** Kara Burdall, W. Concord, Oboe; Keisha Dooley, Spring Grove, Trumpet; Carl Dill, Duluth, Bassoon; Paul Marklundquist, Mt. Lake, Tuba; **Mississippi:** Kevin Herrera, Water Valley, Trombone; Kevin Nitsch, Jackson, Alto Sax; Brad Surrette, Water Valley, Tuba; **Missouri:** Laura Daugherty, Tecumseh, Chuck Garner, Jasper, Trumpet; Garrick Hen, Booneville, Trumpet; Brian Millard, Mayville, Trombone; **Montana:** John Campbell, Hobson, Trumpet; UltraRee Hit, Power, Bass Clarinet; **Nebraska:** Me-

Hilt, Frank, Verdigris, Clarinet; Maureen Freeman, North Bend, Clarinet; Brenda Freeman, North Bend, Oboe; **Ohio:** Rose, Bill Hill, Trumpet; Kathy Ulrich, Verdi, Clarinet; **New Jersey:** Joanne Badras, New Hiflote, Flute; **New Mexico:** Alfredo Macias, Bayard, Tuba; **North Carolina:** Mark A. Miller, Franklin, Drums; Cindy Sheppard, Perry, French Horn; **North Carolina:** Eric Page, Yanceyville, Tenor Sax; **North Dakota:** Paul Aus, Norwich, Tenor Saxophone; Lee Bernick, Devils Lake, Bassoon; Mark Kruse, Mando, Trombone; Paul Sofosoff, Versailles, Clarinet; Chris Deeter, Covington, Euphonium; Greg Deffler, Milford Center, Trumpet; Donald Krejci, Medford, Trumpet; Michele Rhodes, Lawton, Bassoon; **Maine:** Steve Ladd, Farmington, Bassoon; Kirk Farquhar, Independence, Bass Clarinet; **South Dakota:** Tom Ouwensdijk, Hoven, Trombone; Kery Kramer, Marion, Saxophone; **Tennessee:** Cindy Carmack, E. Gates, Bass Clarinet; **Texas:** Connie Clegg, Dallas, Bassoon; Connie Drabek, Alvin, Flute; Kris Sheely, Katy, Flute; Kelly Spencer, Gilmer, Tuba; **Washington:** Darren Boeholt, Aberdeen, Trombone; Cheryl Chapman, Wenatchee, Clarinet; Daryl Daniels, Pasco, Bassoon; **Wisconsin:** Dennis Janik, Brewster, Clarinet; **Wyoming:** Amy Ott, Wonnecek, Clarinet; **Wyoming:** Kent Averett, Lovell, Percussion; Duffy Brown, Shoshoni, Percussion; Douglas Emmett, Lovell, Bass Clarinet

National FFA Chorus

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FFA members from all over, auditioned by tape to become members of the National FFA Chorus are directed by Stan Kingma, Vineland, New Jersey. Others involved with the National FFA Chorus were: Owen Robbins, Accompanist; Carolyn Taylor, Production Director; Marilyn Kingma, Chaperone and Assistant to the Director and Mrs. Butch Taylor, Chaperone and Assistant to the Director. Chorus members arrived early for the intense practice necessary to provide the quality entertainment experienced by those in attendance at this national convention.

Alabama: Mary Pace, Scottsboro; **Arkansas:** Karen Christensen, Hartfield, Brian Lee, Kingsley, Georgia: Rodney Jenkins, Winder; Derrick Jones, Monroe, Carrollton, Atlanta; **Illinois:** Kimberly Miller, Melba; Lori Sutton, Midvale; Michelle Turman, Inken; **Indiana:** Carrie Griffen, Payson, Gayle Rankin, West Point; **Indiana:** Gary Allen, Kokomo; Brian Burgess, Whiting; **Illinois:** Dale Patrick, Plymouth; Melinda Schulz, Argos; Brent Vance, Waynetown; **Iowa:** Dawn Dostal, Manion, Julianne Haywood, Union; Lance Herbold, Kingsley; Steve Kiewiet, Webster Center; Scott Kinney, Casey; Matt Moulton, Cedar Rapids; **Kansas:** Heather Mills, Hesston; **Louisiana:** Kyle Humphkins, Franklin; **Michigan:** Matt Scott, Milton; **Mississippi:** Brian Sandall, Bassett; **Montana:** New Jersey; John Terrance, Oxford; **New Mexico:** Krista Burcham, Fort Sumner; **North Dakota:** Brian Sandall, Bassett; **Ohio:** Brian Smith, Dayton; **Oklahoma:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Pennsylvania:** Timothy Taylor, Fair Grove; Brenda Williams, Hardin; **South Dakota:** James Wishusen, Sioux City; **Tennessee:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Texas:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Utah:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Virginia:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **West Virginia:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Wisconsin:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Wyoming:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny

June Grotto, Benson, Michael Henning, Brewster; Darwin Johnson, Vegas; Jill Koehl, Hancock, Michael Madery, Kaspar, Margaret Smith, Brewster; Kim Koenig, Waukesha, Wisconsin; Kevin West, West Plains; Garry Gribble, Thayer; Garrison Hen, Bonville, Allen Henry, Ex-cello; Suzi Henson, Nevada; Danny Keene, Salem, Rachel McDonald, Altavista, Missouri; Linda Martin, Hardin, Marlene Martin, Palmer, Lamar; Chad Reynolds, Harrisonville; Thad Reynolds, Harrisonville; Shannon Rothweiler, Monroe City, Russell Scalley, Koskoshina; Randy Sarot, Warrensburg; Vicki Davis, Shreveport; **Illinois:** James Wishusen, Montana; **Idaho:** Barb Sue, Socorro; Thomas Minow, Olive, Nebraska; James Nygren, Med, Jamey Nygren, Lincoln; **Michigan:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Mississippi:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Montana:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **North Dakota:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Ohio:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Oklahoma:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Pennsylvania:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **South Dakota:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Tennessee:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Utah:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Virginia:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **West Virginia:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Wisconsin:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Wyoming:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny

rose: Shari Pierce, Albuquerque, New York; John Hajdasz, Evans Mills, Dean LaClair, Chateaugay, Liane Ronas, Philadelphia; **North Carolina:** Tanya Solorio, Monrovia, **South Dakota:** Ken Endres, Sioux City; **Illinois:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Michigan:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Mississippi:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Montana:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **North Dakota:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Ohio:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Oklahoma:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Pennsylvania:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **South Dakota:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Tennessee:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Utah:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Virginia:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **West Virginia:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Wisconsin:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny; **Wyoming:** Brianne Shinn, Sweeny

rocktown: David Rodgers, London; Frank Schaad, Waterford; **Wendy Wilkerson, Forest, Oklahoma:** Evelyn Birdwell, Githa; **Ann Siess, Stratford, Oregon:** Tala Mickelson, Diane Gandy, Prichet, McMinn; **Pennsylvania:** April Jefries, Amity; **South Dakota:** Timothy Hofer, Carpenter; Charles Wheeler, Aurora, Texas; **Alicia Day, Connie:** Jason

Frazier, Sulphur Springs; Holly Hague, Sulphur Springs; Krishna Venur, Houston; **Utah:** Candice Crane, Salina; **Washington:** Linda, Olympia; **Oregon:** Laura Lee, Chehalis; Julie Pfeifer, Yachats; Michael VanDyke, Collax; **West Virginia:** Pamela Ash, Alma; Victoria Kelly, Barboursville, **Wisconsin:** Ralph Haas, Thorp; Tammy Luepke, Bonduel; Karen Wright, Amery

National FFA Talent

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Talent groups and individuals audition for directors, Don and Martha Erickson, Makot, North Dakota, just prior to the convention. Members provide a wide range of entertainment all during the convention.

Alabama: West Jefferson—Bo Andrews, Greg Terry, Daryl Shackley; **Arkansas:** Kenneth Swinson, Troy—Patty Branard, Kathi Knight, Andy Shulley, Jason Green, Debbie Green, Greg Rod Kent, Ken Smith, Ben Chanley; **Deer Valley—Rochelle Satterfield, Arkansas:** Delight—Ginger Allgood; **Colorado:** Aricka—Steve Stevens, Denver; Lake Forest—Renee Stevens, Fort Lauderdale; **Florida:** Lake George—Gilbert Hancock, Plant City—Kathy Lewis, Shalyia Wetherington, Illinois; **Illinois:** Susan Hoffman, Indiana Springs, Vandalia—Mike, Iowa; **Illinois:** Ruth Lindemeyer, Susan Undermyer; **Kansas:** Pittsburgh—Sally Hopson, Linda Detmer, Deann Debey, Kim Patterson, Janet Moyer, Neal Roth, John Shaw, Central

Heights—Steven Haight, Travis Haight; **Kentucky:** Hickman County—Janet Sladey, Michigan—Bennie Compton, Tina Casey, Breckinridge—Vince Vassallo, Ohio—Linda Porath, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada; **Pennsylvania:** Diane Porath, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada; **Illinois:** Christina Gibbs, Tarkio—Jack Bailey, David Bussard, Eddie King, Garold Sparks, Robbie Smith, Steve Klute, **Michigan:** Odile Jeanne Stabb, Lynette Stabb, **Alaska:** Anna Brattberg, Anna Jane Knapp, Jayne Sue Whipple, North Carolina—Casey Merrill, Stephen Briggs, David Robinson, Greg Johnson, **Illinois:** Edna Synchya Sprunk, Den Tobison, David Stordalen, John Billing, Nathan Schlecht; **Nebraska:** West Holt—Rod Rossman, New York: Sharon Springs—Kerry Ann

Kennedy; **New Mexico:** Hondo—Alice Booky; **Bible Study Hills, Colorado:** Steven Lee Gebhard; **Illinois:** Hooker—Frederick Tecumseh—Melissa Hembree; **Pennsylvania:** Parkinson—Lauren Duran, State College—David Seamans, Bill Hoffman, John, Jennifer, **Illinois:** Elizabeth, Emily, Tamara, Tamara McTavish, Jenny Musi, Leah Fyock, Bob Rider, Gb Carl, Brian Harpster, Jeff Martin, Mart Duck, Kathy Rider; **Texas:** East Bernard—Dwayne Boehnemann, Van Alystyne—Staci Burk, Ysleta—Caflos

Garbay, Prairie—Aubrey Allen, Stacy Resinger, Diana Watson, Leis Hines, Robert Nichols, John Allen, Allen Huddleston, Tony Duncan, Darren Mowery, Robbie Cannont, Washington

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Stars Over America

These are the highest honors for FFA members in production agriculture and agribusiness. Regional stars are picked from the many applications for the American Farmer Degree. Each Star received \$2000 and each regional star received \$1000. The Stars were announced after the Stars Over America Pageant which included a multi-image audio-visual presentation on each regional star's program.

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Star Farmers

Mike Arends, 21, son of Roger and Odilia Arends of Willmar, Minnesota, is the 1985 Central Region Star Farmer of the National FFA Organization. Arends farms 900 acres of corn, oats and soybeans and produces 500 pigs a year through his farrowing operation. He began his enterprise by entering in a share-cropping agreement with his grandfather to farm 33 acres. He is also one of few individuals who have earned two FFA proficiency awards, one in agricultural mechanics and the other in crop production.



John Sutherland, 20, son of Hugh and Irene Sutherland of Holstein, New York, is the 1985 Eastern Region Star Farmer of the National FFA Organization. He is herd manager for Chapel Bank Farm, a 150-cow registered Holstein dairy herd. Five years ago, David, his father and brother-in-law sold their assets and formed a partnership with the dairy and 217 acres of land. He uses embryo transplants as well as artificial insemination to improve his herd.



John Edwards, 21, son of Jerry and Becky Edwards of Lafollette, Tennessee, is the 1985 Southern Region Star Farmer of the National FFA Organization. He farms 250 acres of land and operates a herd of 53 registered dairy cows in partnership with his father. John supplements his income by working as a local American Breeders Service representative and by doing custom tobacco seed bed sterilization.



Byron L. Tucek, 19, son of Jerry and Mary Lou Tucek of Melba, Idaho, is the 1985 Mountain Region Star Farmer of the National FFA Organization. Tucek began his Supervised Occupational Experience (SOE) in vocational agriculture with 20 acres of corn and three Holstein heifers. Today he assists his older brother and father with 500 acres of cropland and 1,800 acres of alfalfa, field corn, barley and potatoes. He owns 101 head of his own dairy cattle and is in the process of forming a limited partnership with his father and brother.



Star Agribusinessmen

Tim Price, 21, son of David and Mary Price of Bloomington, Wisconsin, is the 1985 Central Region Star Agribusinessman of the National FFA Organization. Price is a mechanic at his family operated and owned farm equipment dealership, servicing a full line of Massey Ferguson, Sperry New Holland and White Farm equipment. It is the responsibility of Price and his brother, while his mother serves as accountant and his father serves as accountant and his father serves as manager of the business.



Valerie Parks, 21, daughter of Alton and Naomi Parks, Columbus, Ohio, is the 1985 Northeast Region Star Agribusinesswoman of the National FFA Organization. A combination of sheep farming and agricultural broadcasting gives Parks an agricultural perspective from both sides of the fence. She has taken her knowledge and interest of sheep farming to a career in agricultural communications where she serves as board technician, production manager, NAFS Newsline manager, spokesperson and farm editor for WABM radio and TV.



Scott Cochran, 20, son of Fred and Louise Cochran, Lavonia, Georgia, is the 1985 South Region Star Agribusinessman of the National FFA Organization. Cochran has been working at Whitworth Feed Mills in Lavonia since he was a sophomore in high school. Since then, he has been promoted from yardman to animal nutrition manager. As milking manager, he is responsible for maintaining work schedules, competitive bidding purchases and grain purchases.



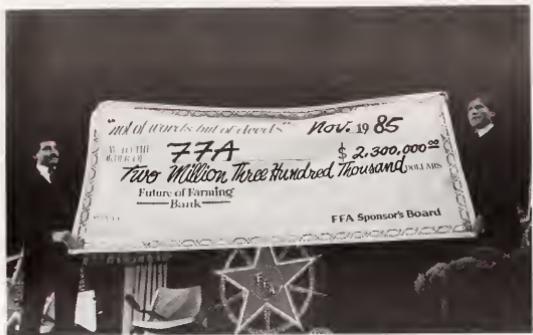
Paul Burrell, 21, son of Bryan and Mary Sue Burrell, Fairview, Oklahoma, is the 1985 Western Region Star Agribusinessman of the National FFA Organization. Burrell, whose family invested \$24,000 in his family owned John Oeke dealership, owns 116 head of beef cattle and farms 410 acres of wheat, alfalfa and peas. He is studying agricultural economics at Oklahoma State University emphasizing marketing and business.



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Star Agribusinessman of America—
Scott Fred Cochran, Lavonia, Georgia



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Proceedings

National FFA Chapter Award Program



This award is for chapters who have reached the rating level of a Superior Chapter by organizing and conducting an exceptional program of activities that provided valuable experiences for their members. Each chapter was judged on performance in 11 areas: Supervised Occupational Experience enterprises, cooperative activities, community service, leadership development, earnings and savings by members, state and national activities, conduct of meetings, scholarship, public relations, alumni relations and recreation. Chapters were ranked gold, silver or bronze for their accomplishments.

Gold

Florida: Sarasota Ve-Ag; Trenton, Blountstown; Cheifland Senior; Orlando-Colonial; **Illinois:** Sycamore, Amboy; Franklin Center; Lehigh-Busfield-Praine City; **Iowa:** Carroll; Central; Marion Central; Iowa; Carter; Custer; **North Carolina:** Creston, Lien-Mar; Algonia; Manchester; Webster City; Prairie; Kan-

sas; Marion; Hiawatha; Kentucky; Owsley County; Morgan County; Ordeman County; Caldwell County; High Barren County; Breckinridge County; Maryland; Brunswick Senior; Damascus; Minnesota; Truman; Cannon Falls; New Ulm; Granite Falls; University Park; El Dorado Springs; Nebraska; Tri Cities; Waverly; West Holt; Legh; Ohio; Mississippi Valley; Miami Trace; East Clinton; New Haven; Cheryval; Plaistow; Kenyon; Lyle County; Redland High;outtauna; Ceresco; Massachusetts; Essex; Michigan; Marshall; Minnesota; Plainview; Sherburn; Macella; Greenbush; Missouri; Lamar; Carthage; Lakeland; Albany; Greeley; Ogallala; Nebraska; Verdigris; North Dakota; Lakewood; Red Cloud; Fairbury; Nelson; Ansorth; Nor-

Lexington; Maplewood Area J.V.S.; Oklahoma; Elgin; Altus; Central High; Konawa; Stroud; Muskogee; Lawton; Duncan; Moore; Creek; Stillwater; Roslyn; Groton; Tennessee; Polk; Powell Valley; White House; Cherokee; Rhea County; Woodbury; Westview; Bradley; Texas; Cleburne; Baytown-Robert E. Lee; Canyon; Con-Cress; Dallas; Midland; Eagle; Virginia; Branson; Spotswood; Montevideo Intermediate; Strasburg; James Wood; Washington; Elma; Wisconsin; Denmark; Bloomer; Marshfield; Monroe; Delavan-Darien

Nevada; Ruby Mountain; New Jersey; Allentown; New Mexico; Goddard; Arden; North Carolina; Bartlett; Yancey; North Lincoln; Stokes; Lenoir; South Carolina; Dakota; Jamestown; Rugby; Ohio; Wauseon; Anna; Marysville; Oregon-Clay; Talawanda; Amanda-Clearcreek; Oklahoma; Laveme; Stigler; Wakita; Adair; Broken Bow; Prague; Opelousas; Louisiana; Newark; Okemah; Elmer; South Carolina; Dorman; South Dakota; Flandreau; Texas; Odessa; Pleasanton; James E. Taylor; East Central; Klein; Katz; Mansfield; Mission; Ysleta; Lorena; Raymondville; San Saba; Rockport; Rockdale; Utah; Tooele; Virginia; Essex; Appomattox; Senior; Fort Defiance; Laurel Park; Stonewall Jackson Junior; Washington; Evergreen; Whinnick; Summer; Mountain View; West Springfield; Connecticut; West Hartford; Tolland; Somers; Southington; Hamden; Western Boone; Shenandoah; Woodland; Prairie Heights; Iowa; Vinton; Stamps; Osceola Central; Esterville; Waverly-Shell Rock; Kansas; Hill City; Marysville; Cheryval; Plaistow; Kenyon; Lyle County; Redland High;outtauna; Ceresco; Massachusetts; Essex; Michigan; Marshall; Minnesota; Plainview; Sherburn; Macella; Greenbush; Missouri; Lamar; Carthage; Lakeland; Albany; Greeley; Ogallala; Nebraska; Verdigris; North Dakota; Lakewood; Red Cloud; Fairbury; Nelson; Ansorth; Nor-

Heights; Kentucky; Apollo; Louisiana; Denham Springs High; Midland; Natchez; Central High; Dale Grove High; North Lincoln; Stokes; Lenoir; South Carolina; Lakes; Ulysses; Bryan; Owasso; Choctaw; Hopkins; Corunna; Minnesota; Pipestone; Lakefield; Willmar; Mississippi; Neshoba Central; Corinth; Amy; Mississippi River A-V; Washington; Overton; Harrison; Perry; Isle of Wight; Chillicothe; Hinsdale; Franklin; Isle of Wight; Mount Vernon; Montana; Fairfield; New Hampshire; Much-To-Do; New Jersey; Warren Hills; New York; Lisbon; Sidney; Warren; New Castle; Croydon; Chester; West Currituck; Princeton; New Dakota; Golden Valley; Lisbon; Madicks A.S.; Gibbons; Lamorre J.E. Eastgate; Ohio; National Trail Peebles; Indian Valley; Nehalem; V.S.; Delphos; Chieri Logan; River Valley; Perry; Perry; Perry; Fremont; Otsego; West Muskingum; Bloom-Carroll; Elda; Oklahoma; Oklahoma City; Tecumseh; Cashion; Kingston; McCloud; Pawnee; Jet-Nash; Tipton; Alton; Webster Falls; Harlow; Oregon; Walla Walla; Pasco; Richland; Spokane; South Carolina; Loris; Pleasant Hill; South Dakota; Huron; Garretson; Tennessee; Heritage; Peabody-Trenton; Riverside; Madison County; Texas; Latexo; Mineral Wells; Somervell D.C. Cook; Granton; New Holstein; Westby; Janesville-Parker; Clear Lake; Green Bay Southwest; Wyoming; Douglas; Lingel-Ft. Laramie

Bronze

Alabama; Somers; Crossville; Ide; Douglas; Daleville; George W. Long; Alaska; Delta Junction; Arkansas; Lavaca; Stuttgart; Lake City; Colorado; Flagler; Byers; Moffat County; Hoxton; Connected Rockville; Delaware; Milford; New Haven; New Haven; New Haven Park; Ponca City; Leon Senior; Wiliston Senior; Overchukie Brahman; Wildwood Senior; Lafayette Senior; Lake Butler Senior; Groveland Senior; Georgia; Gilmer County; Pierce County; Newton County; Fulton County; Stephens County; Cherokee; Hawaii; Kalau; Idaho; Rimrock; Indiana; Northfield; Iowa; Guttenberg; North; Kansas; Labelle County; Mankato; Jackson

National FFA Alumni

SUPPORTING VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE - FFA



The 14th National FFA Alumni Convention was held in conjunction with the National FFA Convention. The Alumni Convention serves as a business meeting for the over 26,000 members in almost 1,100 local affiliates. These members generate support for vocational agriculture/FFA while motivating and inspiring FFA members in local, state and national levels of leadership, competition and individual personal growth.

Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliate Awards

The FFA Alumni recognizes FFA Alumni affiliates for their outstanding accomplishments in supporting and serving vocational agriculture/FFA.

National Winner—Bushnell-Prairie City, Illinois

Runner-Up—Buckeye Valley, Ohio

Gold

Kansas; Washington; Kentucky; Apollo; Nebraska; East Butler; West Point; North Central; South Haven; Oklahoma; Dawson; South Dakota; Flanagan; Wisconsin; Blair; Denmark; Black Hawk; Sunn; West De Pere

Silver

Kansas; Hi-Cap; Minnesota; New Ulm; Minnesota; Missouri; Nebraska; Norfolk; Washington; Yelm-Rainier; Wisconsin; Black Hawk; Sunn; West De Pere

Bronze

Georgia; Gilmer County; Indiana; Delta; Iowa; North Polk; Marshall; Walkersville; Mississippi; Carthage; Missouri; Milan; Montana; Faribault; North Carolina; Orange County



National FFA Alumni Presidents

The 1985-86 National FFA Alumni President, Gary Maricle of Columbus, Nebraska received his gavel from retiring President, Jay Householder.



Outstanding FFA Alumni Achievement Awards

Exceptional leadership and superior accomplishments in service to vocational agriculture/FFA and the agriculture industry are recognized by the National

FFA Alumni with this award. This year the recipients were Marie Rese of Kansas and Phyllis J. Sokoloski of Oklahoma.

Agricultural Proficiency Awards



A national winner was announced in each proficiency award areas during the Agricultural Proficiency Awards Pageant Friday evening. National winners were announced with brief slide shows of their projects while on stage. These members show the skills needed to develop the potential of their Supervised Occupational Experience enterprises.

A star by the name indicates the national winner in each proficiency area.

Agricultural Electrification

Sponsored by National Food and Energy Council, Inc.; Klein Tools, Inc.

★Central—Bryan Seidel, Altamont, Illinois
Eastern—Curt Wells, Anna, Ohio
Southern—Kyle Hearn, Opelika, Alabama
Western—Patrick Beck, Yuba City, California

Agricultural Mechanics

Sponsored by J I Case, A Tenneco Company

Central—Clyde Zelch, Rosebud, Missouri
Eastern—William Everett, Kinston, North Carolina
★Southern—Randy Wright, Avon Park, Florida
Western—Vincent Nunes, Merced, California

Agricultural Processing

Sponsored by National FFA Foundation General Fund

Central—Rouelle Weber, Cuba City, Wisconsin
★Eastern—Jeffrey Simmons, Penn Yan, New York
Southern—Billy Edwards, Jefferson, Georgia
Western—Karen Scheuble, Brooks, California

Agricultural Sales and/or Service

Sponsored by Deutz-Allis Corporation

Central—Steven Fevold, Gowrie, Iowa
Eastern—William Boutho, Fawn Grove, Pennsylvania
Southern—Marty Woonten, Idler, Alabama
★Western—Jennifer Henderson, Rough and Ready, California

Beef Production

Sponsored by Nasco International, Inc. and Sperry New Holland

Central—Rich Frankenstien, Osgood, Kansas
★Eastern—Ronald Parks, New Concord, Ohio
Southern—Mike Duke, Munford, Tennessee
Western—Steve Jensen, El Reno, Oklahoma

Cereal Grain Production

Sponsored by Du Pont Agricultural Chemicals

★Central—Bryan Hayenga, Kings, Illinois
Eastern—Daniel Hale, Galena, Ohio
Southern—John Jones, Oak Grove, Louisiana
Western—Michael Klann, Flagler, Colorado

Dairy Production

Sponsored by New Idea Farm Equipment Corporation; Alfa-Laval, Inc.; Agri-Group, and American Breeders Service

Central—Barry Van De Hei, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin
Eastern—Barbara Miller, South Woodstock, Connecticut
Southern—Densee Smith, Arab, Alabama

★Western—Kevin Gomes, Tulare, California

Diversified Crop Production

Sponsored by Cargill, Incorporated

★Central—Bruce Boyum, Wanamingo, Minnesota
Eastern—Todd Kelly, Newport, North Carolina
Southern—Andrew Nash, Greenbrier, Tennessee
Western—Bryan Smith, Tipton, Oklahoma

Diversified Livestock Production

Sponsored by A.O. Smith Harvestore Products, Inc. and Wayne Feeds Division/Continental Grain Company

★Central—Mike Spitzbarth, Fennimore, Wisconsin
Eastern—Bob Niederman, Hamilton, Ohio
Southern—Marty Coley, Lafayette, Tennessee
Western—Shane Frost, Randlett, Utah

Feed Grain Production

Sponsored by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Incorporated

★Central—Scott Travis, Taylorsville, Kentucky

Eastern—Arthur Taylor, New Holland, Ohio
Southern—Pat Malphrus, Alachua, Florida
Western—Michael Newbanks, Yuma, Colorado

Fiber Crop Production

Sponsored by The Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated and Valmont Industries, Incorporated

★Southern—Cindy Carmack, Gates, Tennessee
Western—Scotty Scott, Seagraves, Texas

Floriculture

Sponsored by The Lerio Corporation; and The Paul Ecke Polinetta Ranch

Central—Daniel Creameans, Ashland, Kentucky
Eastern—Peter Ramsay, Southington, Connecticut

★Southern—Todd Wilkinson, White House, Tennessee
Western—Tina Holder, Klein, Texas

Home and/or Farmstead Improvement

Sponsored by Upjohn, TUCO, Agrow and Cobb, Agricultural Division of The Upjohn Company

Central—James Maher, Milan, Missouri
Eastern—Aaron Wood, Grafton, West Virginia

★Southern—Kevin Turner, Chunchula, Alabama

Western—Donald Gaines, Yakima, Washington

Horse Proficiency

Sponsored by The American Quarter Horse Association

Central—John Larsen, Redwood Falls, Minnesota

Eastern—Robert Overholt, Montvale, Virginia

Southern—Robert Burns, Jr., Ralph, Alabama
Western—Denise Ruh, Kingfisher, Oklahoma

Nursery Operations

Sponsored by Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation

Central—Glen Switzer, Northfield, Minnesota

★Eastern—Wayne Beal, Jr., Bridgeton, New Jersey
Southern—Michael Pantier, McMinnville, Tennessee
Western—Cindy Tryon, Dateland, Arizona

Oil Crop Production

Sponsored by The Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated

★Central—Kurt Kotke, Buffalo Lake, Minnesota

Eastern—Frank Howey, Jr., Monroe, North Carolina
Southern—Michael Sumrow, Halls, Tennessee
Western—Lawrence Jones, Dayton, Texas

Outdoor Recreation

Sponsored by the National FFA Foundation General Fund

Central—Philip Muench, Lancaster, Wisconsin

★Eastern—Matthew Smith, Bowling Green, Ohio

Eastern—Ray Hornick, Avon Park, Florida
Western—Paul Tingley, Mt. Vernon, Washington

Placement in Agricultural Production

Sponsored by CIBA GEIGY Corporation and Class of America, Inc.

Central—William Wysocki, Custer, Wisconsin

★Eastern—Richard Keyser, Jefferson, Maryland
Southern—Kyle Savage, Gainesville, Georgia
Western—Steve Thompson, Ardmore, Oklahoma

Poultry Production

Sponsored by Kentucky Fried Chicken of Oklahoma; Red Brand Fence/Made by Keystone Steel and Wire Company, and Pilgrims Prida

Central—David Dalton, Washburn, Missouri
Eastern—David Harrison, Bradford, Ohio
★ Southern—Randall Hewitt, Mayo, Florida
Western—Kevin Jervis, Midwest City, Oklahoma

Sheep Production

Sponsored by Carnation Company—Milling Division and American Sheep Producers' Council, Inc./Sheep Industry Development Program, Inc.

Central—Bartley Marshall, Allen, Michigan
Eastern—Nancy McCauley, Atglen, Pennsylvania
Southern—Kelly Ware, Longville, Louisiana
★ Western—Kimberly Knutson, Clyde Park, Montana

Soil and Water Management

Sponsored by Ford Motor Company Fund

Central—Marcus Moore, Winchester, Illinois
★ Eastern—Matthew Sowers, Burkettsville, Maryland
Southern—James Maxey, Natchitoches, Louisiana
Western—David Vap, Newkirk, Oklahoma

Specialty Animal Production

Sponsored by the National FFA Foundation General Fund

Central—Shayne Ulmer, New Haven, Indiana
Eastern—Adrienne Shaffer, Knoxville, Maryland
Southern—Bar Hays, Rayne, Louisiana
★ Western—Chris Snyder, Tacoma, Washington

Specialty Crop Production

Sponsored by R. J. Reynolds Industries, Incorporated

Central—Kyle Petersen, Murdoch, Minnesota
★ Eastern—Kelly Freeman, Bennett, North Carolina
Southern—Brian Ralif, Limesone, Tennessee
Western—Matthew Guidotti, Soledad, California

Swine Production

Sponsored by Pfizer Inc.

★ Central—James Gardner, Cave City, Kentucky
Eastern—Rodney Herr, Gethysburg, Pennsylvania
Southern—Clint Oliver, Reidsville, Georgia
Western—Lyle Blakley, Dohogah, Oklahoma

Turf and Landscape Management

Sponsored by O. M. Scott & Sons Contract—Mark Hilligoss, Sharpsville, Indiana

★ Eastern—Charles Hughes, III, Gritton, North Carolina
Southern—Kevin Kovac, Oak Grove, Louisiana
Western—Charles Ahrens, College Place, Washington

Wildlife Management

Sponsored by Philip Morris Incorporated

★ Central—Dennis Thireault, Blackduck, Minnesota
Eastern—Nathan Moody, Zanesville, Ohio
Southern—Stanley Clarke, Delta, Alabama
Western—Christopher Clements, Pueblo, New Mexico

National FFA Contests



Each state is eligible to be represented in the National FFA Contests held during the convention. These contests let members demonstrate the skills and knowledge developed in vocational agriculture and FFA in a competitive spirit. Teams are ranked gold, silver and bronze in an undesignated order, except for the announcement of the first place team and high individual.

Agricultural Mechanics Contest

Sponsored by Firestone Trust Fund

First Place Team—Neal Hamrell, Jim Young, Doug Scheffer; Troy, Missouri

High Individual—Neal Hamrell; Troy, Missouri

Farm Business Management Contest

Sponsored by Deere & Co.

First Place Team—Glenn Anderson, Dan Snyder, Bruce Henson; Mandeville, Minnesota

High Individual—Gary Lockett, Lynden, Washington

Dairy Contest

Sponsored by Associated Milk Producers, Inc.

First Place Team—Tina Larson, William Dinsse, Liz Zeman, Dwonialoma, Minnesota

High Individual—Tina Larson; Dwonialoma, Minnesota

Dairy Foods Contest

Sponsored by Mid-America Dairymen, Inc. and Patz Sales, Inc.

First Place Team—Deena Maxwell, Sandy Harvey, Anissa Wilhelm; Atascadero, California

High Individual—Anissa Wilhelm, Atascadero, California

Floriculture Contest

Sponsored by the National FFA Foundation General Fund

First Place Team—Maurice Teague, Joel Oldham, Sean Webster; Bear Creek, North Carolina

High Individual—Sean Webster; Bear Creek, North Carolina

Forestry Contest

Sponsored by Homelite Division of Textron, Inc.; Tample-Eastex, Inc.; and Hammermill Paper Co.

First Place Team—Michael Drufft, Duane Covett, Randy Pilgrim; Richton, Mississippi

High Individual—Michael Drufft; Richton, Mississippi

Livestock Contest

Sponsored by Purina Mills, Inc.

First Place Team—Ron Flaherty, Dorie Randall, Cansia Wreden; Atascadero, California

High Individual—Carissa Wreden; Atascadero, California

Nursery/Landscape Contest

Sponsored by American Association of Nurserymen, Inc.; Wholesale Nursery Growers of America, Inc.; Kubota Tractor Corporation; and True Value Hardware Stores—Professional Lawn Care Program

First Place Team—Christy Youngblood, Jody Harris, Gary Hart; Bear Creek, North Carolina

High Individual—Christy Youngblood; Bear Creek, North Carolina

Meats Contests

Sponsored by Geo. A. Hormel & Co. and Oscar Mayer Foods Corporation

First Place Team—Lou Levitt, Steve Simmons, Judy Ellison; Clovis, California

High Individual—Judy Ellison; Clovis, California

Poultry Contest

Sponsored by Hubbard Farms and Victor F. Weaver, Inc.

First Place Team—Tonya Shapps, Doug Archer, Jesse Horton; Springdale, Arkansas

High Individual—Tonya Shapps; Springdale, Arkansas

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For more information about the more than 200 careers in agriculture, contact your high school agriculture instructor or FFA adviser.



National Agricultural Career Show



The National Agricultural Career Show is a cooperative effort of the National FFA Organization, trade associations, professional societies, educational institutions and agribusiness firms. Exhibitors demonstrate new products, answer questions and give conventioners an overview of today's agriculture industry from products to career opportunities. Those exhibitors with numbers in parenthesis after their name were recognized at the Officer-Delegate-Career Show Exhibitor's Luncheon for having consistently displayed their product or service for a number of years at the National Agricultural Career Show.

Ag-Pac
Ag-Tronic
Agrn-Education, Inc.
Agri-Farm Publications, Inc. (5)
Agricultural Communicators in Education
AgrData Resources, Inc.
Air and Army National Guard
Alta-Laval, Inc.-Agrn-Group
Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity (5)
Alpha Gamma Sigma Fraternity
American Angus Association
American Association for Vocational Instruction Materials
American Association of Nurserymen (20)
American Breeders Service (5)
American Cyanamid Company
Cyanamid Agricultural Division
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Forestry Association
American Geltbahn Association
American International Charolais Assn
American Morgan Horse Institute
American Physiopathological Society
American Polled Hereford Association (5)
American Quarter Horse Association
American Simmental Association
American Soybean Association
American Veterinary Medical Assn
Associated Milk Producers, Inc.
Bob Jones University
Briggs & Stratton Corp.
Bureau of the Census (15)
Chrysler Corporation
Coca-Cola, USA
Colby Community College
Control Data Corporation
Cook College/Rutgers
DeKalb AgResearch, Inc.
Delmar Publishers Inc.
DICKEY-john Corporation
Diversified Marketing Associates, Inc.
Dow Chemical U.S.A.

North Carolina State University;
Agriculture & Agriculture Education
Northeast Missouri State University
Dixie State College
Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute
Park College (10)
Peace Corps
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.
Postsecondary-Agricultural Students
Prentice-Hall Media
Purdue University School of Agriculture
Remington Arms Company Inc. (5)
Rutherford Nutrition
Seal-Sweet Growers, Inc.
Select Sires, Inc.
Shannon Groves, Inc.
Shell Chemical Company Agricultural Chemicals
Shoot'n Easy, Inc.
Smith Equipment Company
Society for Range Management
Society of American Foresters
South Carolina State College
Southeast Community College
Specialty Vehicle Institute of America
Stauffer Chemical Co
Stone Mtg. & Supply Co.
Successful Farming/Farm Computer News
Du Pont Agrochemicals
Dupage Horticultural School
East Butler High School
Estech, Inc.
Farm & Industrial Equipment Institute (20)
Farmbank Services
Farmhouse Fraternity
Farmland Industries, Inc.
Federal Aviation Administration
Honda Citrus Processors
Hampshire Swine Registry
Harris Laboratories, Inc.
Hesston Corporation

Instructional Materials Laboratory
University of Missouri (5)
International Brangus Breeders Association
International Minerals & Chem Corp/
Raleigh
Intertec Publishing Corporation
Iowa State University
J Case, Agricultural Equipment Division (5)
John Deere
Kansas Wesleyan University
Lincoln University
Louisiana State University (5)
Montana State University
Maryland, University of Institute of Applied Agriculture
Mid America Vocational Curriculum Consortium
Minnesota, University of
Mebas Chemical Corporation,
Agricultural Chemicals Division
Modesto Junior College
Monsanto Agricultural Products Co.
NA-CHIURS Plant Food Company
National Agricultural Aviation Association (5)
National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges
National Farmers Organization (10)
National Food and Energy Council (15)
National Grain and Feed Association
National Innovative Media Company
National Relief Association Public Education Division
National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association
National Young Farmers Association, Inc.
New Mexico State University
New York State College of Agri & Life Sciences, Cornell University
Nickerson American Plant Breeders, Inc.
North American Limousin Foundation

Sul Ross State University
Sunbelt Growers, Inc.
Surge-Babson Bros Co (5)
Texas A & M University College of Agriculture
The Ohio State University
The Ohio State University College of Agriculture and Home Economics
The Ohio State University Curriculum Materials
The School of the Ozarks
The Society of American Florists
TSC Farm, Home and Auto Stores
TV Guide School Plan
U S Dept of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance
U. S. Air Force (10)
U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service
U. S. Navy Recruiting Command
University of Florida, College of Agriculture (5)
University of Idaho
University of Illinois College of Agriculture (5)

University of Illinois Vocational Agriculture Service
University of Minnesota
University of Missouri-Columbia College of Agriculture
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of Nevada Reno
University of Wisconsin
The Upjohn Company
USDA, Farmers Home Administration
USDA, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation
USDA, Forest Service, Mark Twain National Forest (5)
USDA, Soil Conservation Services
Versatile Farm Equipment Corp.
Vigortone Ag Products
Virginia Tech
Vocational Education Productions
Vocational Instructional Services
Vocational-Tech Education Consort of States
Wildlife Society, Missouri Chapter (20)
Wix Filters



Delegate Business

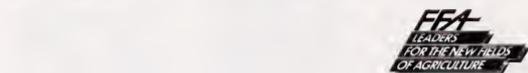


It was moved and passed by the delegates of the 58th National FFA Convention to raise the national dues to \$3.00.

The delegates also adopted the following as proposed by the National FFA Board of Directors: Add States meeting their quota of American Farmer Candidates may submit up to five (5) additional, ranked, qualified candidates for consideration to fill quotas not met by other States.

All the committee reports were approved and the delegates unanimously accepted the new state charter of Washington, DC.

National Convention Committee Reports



Auditing Committee

We, the auditing committee of the 58th National FFA Convention, recommend to the National FFA organization:

- 1) The audit report of Stoy, Malone and Company found satisfactory and meeting the requirements of Public Law 740 for the fiscal year of September 1, 1984 to August 31, 1985, be accepted.

- 2) A full audit report be submitted to each state delegate. The report should include balance sheets of assets and liabilities, statements of revenue and expenses, and changes in fund balances as taken from the auditor's report, with the addition of a statement, a brief summary of total revenue, total liabilities, and under over.

- 3) A full auditor's report be available upon request from the National FFA Center.

- 4) The FFA dues be expanded only with the FFA organization. We thank Mr. David Miller, National Treasurer, and Mr. Michael Clegg, Administrative Director, for their help and guidance in our committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted:
1985 Auditing Committee
Anthony Osborne, Kentucky, Co-Chairman
Drew Fletcher, New York, Co-Chairman
Karen Kast, Florida, Secretary
Lincoln Dahl, Nevada
Shawn Newquist, Michigan
Kathy Equires, Hawaii
Brett Reynolds, Idaho

upon will greatly improve our already well-rounded collegiate FFA organization.

Respectfully submitted:
Hollie King, Director, Chairman
Jimmy Collier, Georgia, Co-Chairman
Cheryl Helmick, Wisconsin, Secretary
K. C. Jones, New Mexico
Brad Carlton, Texas

National Contests Committee

We, the National Contest Committee of the 58th National FFA Convention of the Future Farmers of America, in hopes of preparing leaders for the new fields of agriculture, improving vocational agriculture, and to continue the betterment of our youth contests, which provide the youth of our organization with the skills and abilities to help keep agriculture #1, would like to commend the following individuals for their hard work and research that has assisted our nation's youth:

We would like to thank Mack V. Smith & Alan A. Kabir, Dept. of Agricultural Education, Iowa State University, for developing the report on "Educational objectives and administrative criteria for the National FFA Contest program"; George L. Johnson and Leslie Bechtler, University of Minnesota, for developing the research report on agribusiness education and related incentive programs.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the committee which conducted the study on the possibility of establishing a National Agribusiness Contests. We commend you on your hard work and conclusions. We the National Contest Committee, after careful discussion and analysis submit the following recommendations:

1. An Agri-Business Contest be implemented as the result of the recommendation of the Board of Directors for consideration of establishing this contest on the national level. We feel this is a contest of great importance and should include such areas as job interests and various business enterprises, including some parliamentary procedure. Such a contest could develop the skills in young people that are valuable in the agricultural industry.

2. We recommend that a National Agriculture Marketing Contest composed of skills in marketing agricultural commodities and operating procedures be looked into carefully by the National Board of Directors as a possible future national contest.

3. In response to the need for a National Horse Judging Contest, we recommend that the Board of Directors from a committee to investigate the possibility of implementing horse judging as a part of the National Livestock Judging Contest.

4. That new areas such as landscape design be implemented into the Nurseries/Landscape Contest in order to test the student's ability to apply his/her knowledge in practical situations.

5. We strongly recommend to the convention planners that the National Extraneous and Prepared Public Speaking Contest be held simultaneously with the annual meeting to give the opportunity to present their finalists before the national convention in the general session. Instead of the alternatives that have recently been implemented.

6. That the possibility of a National

1. The Collegiate FFA will be the umbrella for all collegiate organizations affiliated with the National Future Farmers of America.
2. Establish a national scholarship program through the auspices of the National FFA Foundation to recognize outstanding leadership and academic performances.
3. We suggest that the annual meeting be held each year in Kansas City, Missouri immediately with the National Convention of the Future Farmers of America.

4. The Board of Directors and National Staff should appoint the appointment of a National Collegiate FFA Advisory Committee. Agricultural education leaders at the January 1986 board meeting.

In addition, we proposed the following

1. The national program staff develop a collegiate information and recruitment brochure promoting Collegiate FFA.
2. The Board of Directors should periodically distribute a letter to each state association encouraging it to involve collegiate FFA chapters in as many state activities as possible.

3. National awards can be utilized through the National FFA Foundation for future collegiate awards.

4. Recognize outstanding collegiate organizations and members at the National FFA Convention in the National Collegiate FFA Awards.

5. The National FFA initiate Collegiate FFA workshops in each region patterned after the National Collegiate FFA Workshop held in February 1984 in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

And finally, we propose that state associations encourage their collegiate FFA chapters to pay state dues in order to increase state membership.

We, the members of the 1985 Collegiate Ag Ed Development Committee, after considerable discussion, feel that these recommendations when acted

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Crop Judging Contest to be studied by the Board of Directors to appoint a committee to determine the value of establishing a National Crop Contest.

Recognizing the need for stronger writing ability in our organization and the agriculture industry we the committee feel that the National FFA may need to implement a National Essay contest or strengthen some of the criteria in the National Public Speaking Contest.

And last after reviewing the possibility of holding a National Creed Contest, we the committee, feel it would not be effective to have a contest. We feel that the lessons to recite and answer questions about the FFA Creed is a preliminary exercise to prepare and develop an individual for the National Public Speaking Contest or the National Contests.

We the International Programs Committee of the 58th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America, in hopes of promoting WEA International Program, submit the following recommendations:

International Committee

We, the International Programs Committee of the 58th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America, in hopes of promoting WEA International Program, submit the following recommendations:

1) Develop a formal letter for the United States Information Agency for their help and support in International Programs from the National FFA Organization.

2) Forward to state staff information about grants available through the National FFA Organization by such methods as Ag (Ed) Network, the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Alumni Newsletters, Between Issues, Update, Ag Ed Network, and state newsletters.

3) Recommend past participants, alumni newsletters, and other publications such as newsletters.

4) Recommend participation to develop WEA Alumni programs.

5) Request a motivational workshop for WEA at the national convention.

6) Encourage participants to be State Presidents' Conference and more participation from them.

7) Develop a WEA program for the Washington Conference Program.

8) Develop the national level a general awareness program including international programs.

9) Encourage WEA participants to seek college credits.

10) Recommend more audiovisualized WEA programs to be used by states and chapters through the mail order system.

11) Offer discount programs for

out-going participants that have secured a member of host families.

12) Have host families recognized on the state level.

13) Work with national and state alumni for more WEA awareness.

14) Feature articles on inbound and outbound participants and participants in *The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine*, Alumni Newsletters, Between Issues, Update, Ag Ed Network, and state newsletters.

15) Secure WEA host families through the state level.

16) Recommend the past WEA participants to make contact with members, state officers, possible host families and other people interested in the WEA program.

17) Encourage the international department send pre-written articles to state FFA offices for use in their respective state FFA publications.

18) Reinforce the luncheons for In and Outgoing participants and delegations at the national convention.

19) Encourage WEA Alumni to promote International programs.

20) We of the International Committee have taken upon ourselves to keep in touch with the United States Information Agency by composing a letter to them.

We as the International Committee wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Sarah Johnson — Program Assistant for the International Department, Steve Brown from the Missouri State Staff.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Troy McCue, Colorado

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Membership Development Committee

We, the Membership Development Committee believe that recruitment and retention of FFA members must be given a high priority at all levels, for the on going growth of our organization.

Publicity, aggressive recruitment and a chapter's Program of Activities are key factors in developing membership in order to meet these ends, we propose the following recommendations:

1) Membership development be incorporated as a 12th Standing Committee in a Program of Activities.

2) Encourage each chapter and organization to professionally develop a resource kit for the recruitment of members. This kit should provide chapter members with recruiting materials for local high schools, non-FFA students, agricultural students and with resource material for local school counselors, administration and parents.

3) Membership development idea sharing sessions be incorporated into the 1986 NFTC, NSGD, and the State Presidents Conference.

4) National FFA Organization promote the development of articles spotlighting FFA members in their perspective careers. These positive stories should be used in state and local magazines and newsletters to encourage the public awareness of the scope and impact of vocational agriculture and the FFA.

5) National organization review and renew the effectiveness of the 10+ program.

6) We would like to commend the national organization for their assistance in compiling this report.

We believe that the adoption of these recommendations will initiate a significant change in the current membership trend and will insure the continued quality of the Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Julie Hess, Pennsylvania, Co-chairman
Neal Vier, Vermont
Matthew Kirkpatrick, Indiana
Kelly R. Smith, Kentucky
Shawn Peterson, Montana
David Palmer, Alabama
Steve Davis, California

This committee meeting
Respectfully submitted,
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Ro Dene, Michigan
Don Hayden, Wisconsin
Terese Hendrix, Arkansas
Kurt E. Gehke, Connecticut
Co-Chairmen
Kevin Paul, Wisconsin, Chairman
David Wright, Virginia

National FFA Alumni Committee

We, the delegates serving on the National FFA Alumni Committee wish to express our thanks to Robert Cox, Jay Householder, Gary Mancle and Randy Meyer for their time and contributions to our committee. We also thank the many FFA Alumni members who have worked on our behalf throughout the past year. We feel that a strong FFA Alumni is of vital importance to the development and success of our past and present members and other friends of the Future Farmers of America.

The National FFA Organization realizes that the key to success for the national, state and local alumni affiliates is for each organization to have a defined purpose. We, therefore suggest the following items that will continue progress towards this purpose:

1) Continue to develop strength and support in governmental affairs.

2) Maintain the vitality of the governmental affairs committee by rotating its members every two years on the national level.

3) Encourage national, state and local affiliates to develop a video of successful individuals that are products of the program explaining how the program has helped them and how the program can help others. We suggest this video to be used as a plan to recruit membership and support from:

(1) Local government officials
a local school board members
b. other school administrators
c. business leaders

d. town, village and city officials

(2) Other community interest groups
a. business community
b. parents

c. those who have been in vo-ag
d. other community leaders.

2) Support alumni affiliates work close with state offices by:

a. Request that the National Alumni Newsletter be sent to each state officer.

(1) The state president be mailed a copy of all annual correspondence.

(2) Suggest that a workshop be presented during NLCSO's dealing specifically with alumni relations.

(3) Suggest that each state recognize its state FFA convention the outstanding alumni affiliates in their state.

(4) Suggest that a list of successful alumni activities from all states be compiled and distributed nationally to all state affiliate and State FFA Associations.

(5) Suggest that invitations be sent to alumni to put on workshops at state conventions on vocational agriculture teaching experiences that they are willing to meet and work with state staff.

3) Encourage Washington Conference Program coordinators to allow more time to allow the FFA to recruit the importance of the program.

4) Request that the National FFA Alumni distribute information directly into the hands of FFA members and their parents by working cooperatively with the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.

5) Encourage local alumni to work with the FFA chapter in recruiting potential FFA members.

We also encourage state officer leaders to become Legion of Merit Ambassadors and to share their desire to work toward receiving national recognition by the entire officer team by becoming lifetime alumni members.

We, the National FFA Alumni Committee, hope that these suggestions will continue producing leaders for the new fields of agriculture.

Respectively submitted,
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Debbie Lopez, Massachusetts, Co-Chairman
Richard Brock, Connecticut
Duane Weems, Mississippi
Eugene Rodberg, Iowa
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Randy Meyer, Wisconsin
Nancy Crane, Missouri
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Proceedings

National FFA Convention Committee

We, the members of the 1985 National Convention Committee, on behalf of the delegate body, after careful evaluation of the 58th National FFA Convention, wish to extend our sincerest appreciation to those hard working individuals who have made this convention a great success.

1. Our National FFA Officers—Steve Meredith, Michael Gavio, Graham Boyd, Nona Mason, Brad Bass, and Mike Barnett.

2. Our National Executive Secretary, Mr. Jimmie E. Harts, our Financial Advisor, or Larry D. Case, and our National Treasurer Mr. David A. Miller.

3. Chuck Dugger for the opening invocation.

4. Richard Berkley, member of Kansas City FFA Board of Directors and Vice President, Agricultural Hall of Fame for their warmth and hospitality in welcoming us to Kansas City, Missouri.

5. Mr. Zig Zigerl for his inspiring and motivating remarks which gave our convention a spirit.

6. Mr. Bart Connor for his continued support and optimism of the FFA organization.

7. Mr. Carl P. Gerhardt for his optimism and leadership at the 1985 meeting of the Foundation Sponsors Board.

B. Mr. Bill Mansell for his ambitious optimism for the coming year as the Chairman of the Foundation Sponsors Board.

8. All the sponsors in recognition of their unsolicited support which has helped our organization to grow and prosper.

10. Mr. Willard Scott of the NBC "Today" Show for his time and support in stressing the importance of Agriculture.

11. Todd Blackledge, Duarberack Kansas City Chiefs, for his comments and time at our first National Prayer Breakfast.

12. The Honorable John Block, United States Secretary of Agriculture for his words of wisdom and knowledge.

13. Mr. Dennis Wastley for his motivation and inspirational thoughts.

14. Mr. Scott McLean, Past National FFA Officer, for his continued support and belief in our organization.

15. Rocky Bleier, former Pittsburgh Steelers football player, for his courage, dedication and outstanding service to his country and our veterans.

16. The Grand Old Opry Stars, Cal Smith, Del Wood, H. C. Monroe and Razzy Bailey for their special appearance.

17. Charly McClain and Wayne Messer for entertainment at the American Royal.

18. The National FFA Alumni for conducting the leadership workshops.

19. The dedicated judges and time keepers.

20. The National FFA Courtesy Corps members for their hard work and effort to make this convention successful.

21. A very special thanks to the National FFA Band directed by Mr. Roger Heathen. The National FFA Chorus directed by Mr. Stan Kingma, and the National Talent Show directed by Don and Martha Erickson.

22. Participants, sponsors and exhibitors of the Career Show for their various efforts throughout this twenty year history of our convention. We sincerely wish that this Career Show will continue to grow and educate all those attending.

23. Ileen Parrot, Minnesota—the convention organizer.

24. All the volunteers at the various meal functions and leadership programs throughout the week.

25. Thanks and Congratulations to the Newsroom and to the FFA TIMES Staff for their excellent job at our convention.

26. A special thank you to Bill Caraway for anchoring the "FFA Today".

27. All FFA members and guests who attended the 58th National FFA Convention.

28. The National FFA Convention Committee consultant staff and state staff for their words of advice and guidance.

29. A special thanks to all those who helped set-up and decorate the convention setting.

We also submit the following items as suggestions for possible improvements in future National FFA Conventions:

1. We recommend that the newly-elected National FFA Officers have a term limit.

2. We recommend that the veepers program and its strong spiritual inspiration

be continued and that the audience be clearly directed on their response so that they do not detract from the fabricous message being presented so effectively.

3. Career Show

a. We recommend that a map of the Career Show be placed at all entrances to the Career Show to provide better access to all exhibits.

b. We recommend that alternating rows of the Career Show be made one way to insure less confusion and reduce congestion.

c. We recommend to further encourage official dress to be worn while members are in attendance to the national convention.

d. We recommend that a better orientation be held for all members and possibility of small groups more effective results of the Courtesy Corps members.

e. We recommend that Courtesy Corps members be instructed to inform the people in the community about the activities inside and encourage them to quietly take their seats and respect the efforts of the chorus, band and talent.

f. We recommend that the spacing of the courtesy choir and tables be organized in a more comfortable manner.

g. And the National FFA Convention Committee highly recommends that the 20,000 members plus and the guests in attendance to the 58th National FFA Convention continue to recognize the importance of our organization and support the young leaders for the new fields of agriculture.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Giovinetto, Chairman, South Dakota

Dale Knight, Co-Chairman, Texas
Arie Ryan, Secretary, Ohio
Sonia Wright, Nevada
Michael Fields, Massachusetts
Jesse Cardone, Puerto Rico
Jack Loftin, Delaware

National FFA Supply Service Committee

We, the members of the 1985 National FFA Supply Service Committee have reviewed the Supply Service Catalog and offer the following recommendations:

ADDITIONS:

1. Slip on collar bar w/FFA emblem

2. Blue and gold candles for banquets

3. Blue vase for banquet (optional chapter name)

4. New items for new theme.

5. FFA rugby shirt, lettering similar to Item LST

6. Green sweater

7. Dress belt

8. Card holder similar to compact (Item 1001).

REVISIONS:

1. Sweetheart jacket style same as official jacket except white

2. Make merchandise available on request.

3. Reduce size and change location of patch on bib overalls.

4. Reduce membership card to credit car size.

5. Create more affordable FFA blanket

1. Specialized printing of calendar for individual states

2. Continue current program of promoting calendar

3. Encourage chapters to sell advertisement for FFA calendars as a fund-raising activity

4. Possibility of having a different sponsor each month

5. Dates of national FFA activities indicated by special lettering

This report is respectfully submitted by:

Bob Hargrave, Missouri, Chairman

Jerry A. Cole, Texas, Co-Chairman

Kim Rohr, Alaska

Eric Shiple, Pennsylvania

Dan Poston, South Carolina

Donald Dennis Shaffer, National Staff

Paul Kidd, National Staff

The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine Committee

We, the members of The 1985 National FUTURE FARMER Magazine Committee, on behalf of the membership of the National FFA Organization wish to express our

sincere thanks and appreciation to The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine staff and command them on a job well done.

We feel the National FUTURE FARMER has done a great job of informing the public about the activities and purposes of the FFA and its members in touch with the members and the outline of agriculture. After careful consideration, we submit the following recommendations:

1) Continue to encourage FFA members, state officers, and state staff to send articles to the magazine.

2) We encourage the magazine staff to continue to monitor the readers' interests.

3) We encourage putting students' personal addresses on rosters in order that they may receive the magazine at their home.

4) We encourage vocational agriculture instructors to:

a. use the magazine more in their classroom curriculum.

b. order extra issues of the tall publications of the magazine for the incoming Greenheads.

c. Share between Issues with chapter officers and members.

d. Encourage the magazine to publish a special introductory issue for Greenheads.

5) We suggest that a newsletter for state officers be printed quarterly which includes speech ideas, national issues, information and ideas, from state associations.

6) We encourage the magazine to print a subscription order in each issue, and encourage chapters to subscribe businesses and members of the community to the magazine.

7) We encourage the magazine to print a catalog of the magazine to new members and to encourage the magazine to use good discretion in their photographs.

8) We encourage the magazine to reach a wide representation of FFA officers across the nation.

9) We encourage success stories of past FFA members.

10) We encourage the magazine to use good discretion in their photographs.

11) We encourage the magazine to reach a wide representation of FFA officers across the nation.

12) We encourage the magazine to submit articles and ideas to the magazine.

13) We strongly believe in the tradition of pride which has been incorporated into the magazine and its name.

14) We suggest that a year-end report be made to this committee next year which entails the progress made on the above stated objectives.

15) We suggest that the national officers and board of directors seriously consider a change in production policy of the NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER Magazine, including exploration of independent publishing firms and voluntary subscription.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judy Brewer-Co-Chairman, Alabama

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Leland Erickson, North Dakota

Kathy Johnson, Ohio

Steve Kayser, Vermont

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John Marti

and all other consultants.

National Information Services Committee

We, the members of the 1985 National Information Services Committee, make the following



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recommendations to improve and further develop the informational services in the national, regional, state and local levels.

We recommend

1. To encourage teacher educators to promote the successes of their vocational agriculture curricula and vocational agriculture students in order to improve the image of FFA and the vo-ag program throughout the local schools.

2. That the national organization continue to broaden vocational agriculture and the FFA program by placing stronger emphasis on the agricultural business portion of the agricultural industry and its associated production agriculture. This should be done through all available public relations tools.

3. The State Officers promote the chapter resource system to chapter levels so that they may fully utilize the system and its benefits.

4. That the new chapter resource system be used by college level teacher educators in their teaching plans for vocational agriculture education students.

5. State officers give constructive ideas and promote chapter participation during FFA Week at the local level.

6. That local and National Public Service Announcements be utilized by chapters on the local level.

We would like to commend the national staff for their tremendous accomplishments in the information services area during the 1984-85 year and that they continue to promote the new and future, invaluable information resources.

Respectfully Submitted

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Lynn Gammie, Illinois

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Greg Stewart, Utah

Rebecca Ferguson, Washington

Additions by delegation:

That we add to report: "Promotional FFA" ads be published in other non-ag magazines and papers such as Newsweek, Time etc."

National FFA Issues Committee

We, the members of the National Issues Committee have met to identify, prioritize and discuss the issues facing the National FFA Organization now as well as in the future.

The following are the resolutions being resolved this issue will be in the control of the National FFA Board of Directors and student officers. We therefore submit the following report on FFA issues of 1985-86

The vocational agriculture curriculum.

A. We, the National Issues Committee recommend that the National FFA Board of Directors initiate a program that will build consistent, high quality standards that will prepare students in all phases of agriculture including modern technology and agricultural occupations.

1. The increasing of Enrollment

1. Increase enrollment by nurturing interest in greater depth and content of the vo-ag curriculum.

Increased enrollment would allow more students to take part in opportunities of the FFA.

2. Recommend that vocational agriculture receive quality for credit in a high school for science credit to encourage all students who have an interest in agriculture to use the vocational agriculture class and FFA for learning.

3. Recommendation

1. Promote any new or revised agricultural programs to educators, counselors and administration of all schools

2. Compliment the current national curriculum that exists, specifically the Edens-Aldrin public service announcements and encourage further utilization of media resources at the chapter, state and national levels to

improve the public's understanding of vocational agriculture and FFA.

II. Efficiency Study

We recommend the implementation of an objective study of the National FFA Convention staff to be conducted by an outside consultant, to aid the organization in the daily operations.

Items of concern: affective use of staff time and talent adequacy of equipment relationship of staff time spent to work accomplished

III. Content Relevancy

The Committee strongly endorses the proposed "Content Relevancy Criteria" for aiding, discouraging and changing contests" compliments the people responsible for it and hopes that those suggestions will be implemented in the near future.

IV. Issue-Gathering Proposal

We recommend that procedures be established to gather information and issues from members and alumni of all states so that they are available to all delegate committees prior to each National FFA Convention, and to be specifically addressed by the issues Committee.

Further the committee recommends that the National Academy of Science take into consideration the issue #1 as above as part of their current study of agricultural education in the secondary school.

We would like to take this time to thank Dr. Donald Walker, Deputy Director, Division of Innovation and Development, U.S. Dept. of Ed., Rob Hovis, Ohio Executive Secretary, and Larry Rose, Florida State member.

Respectfully submitted by:

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National Leadership Conferences Committee

The National Leadership Conference for State Officers Committee met on November 12, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. in the Court B Ballroom at A. Ms. Dean Harder, State Leadership Conference, chairwoman, chaired the committee. David Walker served as co-chairman. Consultants present were Tony Mallis—Rhode Island Association, Nancy Heininger—Vermont Association, and Nancy Schreiner—New Jersey Association.

After introduction of committee members and consultants, consultants offered suggestions and feelings about past conferences, members of the committee offered their own experiences from their respective conferences.

Then we reviewed the report of the 1984 committee on this subject. The committee then began to compile a list of concerns about the leadership conferences. It appears below.

Concerns

1. Should a rotation date be devised?

2. Should the format for the conference be changed?

3. Should there be structured recreation on free time?

4. Should there be a lengthening in the conference? (3 days to 4 days?)

The committee then discussed the concerns, identified the probable causes and proposed solutions. It was recommended that the committee be formed to continue the committee work, the writing of a survey was to be part of the final report.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 1985 at 9:00 a.m. The location was again at the 1985 meeting site. The subcommittee then began work on a survey of dates and information that is part of the committee's recommendation.

The National Leadership Conference for State Officers subcommittee convened at 9:30 p.m. on November 12, 1985 at the Hotel Dean Harder-Minnesota Association, David Walker-Mississippi Association, Debbie Nabonie-Anzona Association and Lee Arlington-Virginia Association and Dr. James Asso. (Asso.)

The subcommittee formed the format for a date and contact person. The format was decided upon. Work on the final report was also continued. The subcommittee then adjourned at 10:30.

The National Leadership Conference for State Officers committee met on

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Thank you.

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